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## Oldhill, new name

Pupils at the newly renamed Oldhill Community School and Children's Centre flew colourful kites to kick off the academic year and to celebrate the school's new name

**OLDHILL Community School and Children's Centre pupils celebrated the changing of their school's name with a kite-flying**

**session in Springfield Park on 9 September.**

The school was originally named after Francis Tyssen – a name identified as

contentious by the Council's Review, Rename, Reclaim, which reviews Hackney's public spaces and buildings that are named after former

slave and plantation owners. Oldhill Headteacher, Jackie Benjamin, said: "The children had a fantastic time trying to fly their kites. We chose the

kite as the new symbol for our school as kites symbolise freedom and aiming high. This is a new beginning for the Oldhill community."

# CULTURE CLUB

**T**HE Council's 'Hello Again, Hackney' campaign continues into the autumn with a packed programme of cultural activities and discounts for residents to enjoy.

The campaign was launched after coronavirus restrictions were eased in July to encourage residents and visitors to safely rediscover their favourite venues, businesses and public spaces in Hackney – and help get the local economy back on its feet – after the strain of the global pandemic.

Special offers include discounted tickets to Hackney Empire's 'Jack

and the Beanstalk' pantomime as well as money off Shoreditch Town Hall's monthly tea dance. More offers are set to be announced in the coming weeks.

The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, said: "As we emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic we want to help venues bring back the excitement of live performance which underpins so much of Hackney's creative spirit and support people to get back into Hackney's cultural scene."

"I am delighted that through 'Hello Again, Hackney' we are able to offer incentives to welcome

local audiences back and remind them what they've been missing."

Yamin Choudury, Artistic Director at Hackney Empire, added: "We are so pleased to be part of the 'Hello Again, Hackney' entertainment offers. This has been an incredibly difficult year for all of us, but we're delighted to join other cultural venues across the borough in grouping together with Hackney Council to make our organisations and events more accessible and our tickets even more affordable to residents."

There are also plenty of free cultural events for residents to get

involved in as part of the 'Hello Again, Hackney' campaign.

This includes a week-long virtual Hackney Carnival celebration taking place from 12 to 19 September (see pages 16-19) and a packed programme of Black History Season events, which runs from the end of the month to December (see pages 20-21).

### MORE INFO

To take advantage of discounted tickets and events at venues in Hackney, visit: [lovehackney.uk/entertainment-offers](https://www.lovehackney.uk/entertainment-offers)

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# Teens eligible for Covid jabs

## Vaccinations available at their GPs and at walk-in centres across the borough

**R**ESIDENTS aged 16 to 17 years old – and children aged 12 to 15 years with additional needs – are now eligible to have their Covid-19 vaccine.

All 16 to 17 year-olds will either be contacted by their GPs to book

their vaccinations, or can walk into a number of vaccination sites in Hackney, getting their jabs without an appointment.

Children over the age of 12 with additional needs

will need to wait to be contacted by their GP.

The walk-in vaccination sites are:

- John Scott Health Centre, 220 Green Lanes, N4 2NU;
- St Leonard's Hospital, Nuttall Street, N1 5LZ;
- 3a Bocking Street, E8 3RU;
- Spring Pharmacy, 233 Hoxton Street, N1 5LG;
- Westfield Shopping Centre, Mountfitchet Road, Olympic Park, E20 1EJ.

Those aged under 18 will be offered the Pfizer vaccination in line with the guidance from the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

### MORE INFO

Find clinic locations and see opening times at: [nhs.uk/grab-a-jab](https://nhs.uk/grab-a-jab)



## Three reasons why teenagers should get the vaccine

**Help stop the spread**  
Getting the Covid-19 vaccination can help prevent the spread of the virus around the community and help keep loved ones and family safe

**Young people are not immune to coronavirus**

There have been reported deaths in young people from Covid-19, as well as cases of serious illness. The vaccine will help protect against this  
**Help life get back to normal**  
Getting vaccinated is the way to bring the community back together safely. After 18 months of major life events being missed out on, the vaccination programme is the best way back to a sense of normality.

THE Government and companies have offered free incentives to encourage all 16 to 17 year-olds to get jabbed. These include:

- A Free Now taxi service to the vaccination centre. Book your ride at: [free-now.com/uk/jabcab/](https://free-now.com/uk/jabcab/)
- A free three-day leisure centre pass for Better leisure centres for those aged 16 to 30 who have had their Covid-19 vaccination. Claim your free pass by filling in the online form and presenting your NHS vaccine pass when you arrive. Sign up at: [bit.ly/Better\\_pass](https://bit.ly/Better_pass)

## What the data in Hackney tells us

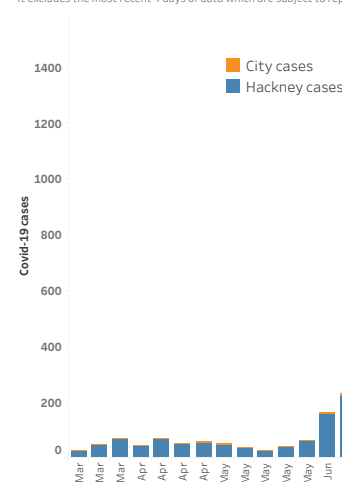
In Hackney the current infection rate is 229 cases per 100,000 (PHE data, 9 September).

The age group seeing the most number of cases is 20 to 29 years old, followed by 30 to 39 years old.

The age group seeing the highest increase in cases is 10 to 19 years old. Homerton currently has the highest number of cases in Hackney. Residents can view the latest coronavirus data in Hackney, including a ward-by-ward breakdown, by visiting: [hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-data](https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-data)

### Weekly trend for Covid-19 cases

Hover over the bars to see numbers by week  
It excludes the most recent 4 days of data which are subject to reporting delays



### Total cases

Registered to 04 September 2021  
**31,866**

30,999 in Hackney, 867 in the City

### Weekly Trend

Week ending 04 September 2021

	Cases last week	Incidence last week per 100,000	Change from previous week
Hackney	643	229	▲7%
The City	22	226	▼21%

### R value London

Week ending September 9, 2021 presented as a range

Lower value	Upper value	Change from previous week
0.8	1.1	▼

This R range means that on average every 10 people infected will infect between 8 and 11 other people. If the range falls below 1 the pandemic is shrinking.





**A** CAMPAIGN has been launched to improve earlier diagnosis of cancer – in particular bowel, gastro-intestinal, and lung cancer.

The Council has partnered with the North East London Cancer Alliance and Social Action for Health to raise awareness of early signs of cancer.

The focus of the campaign is on residents over the age of 30, those from ethnically diverse backgrounds, and residents who do not regularly visit their GP.

Dr Rob Palmer, the Clinical Lead for Cancer in City and Hackney, is encouraging patients to go to their GP if they experience any symptoms.

He said: “Particularly in patients over the age of 50, it’s important that if you have any new symptoms such as a change in bowel habit, you contact your GP.

# Spot the signs

## Raising awareness of early symptoms of cancer



Tummy pains are usually dismissed but are one of the signs of cancer and should not be ignored

“Often people feel embarrassed or nervous about coming forward, but your concerns will be taken seriously and it’s always worth having an open conversation

so that you can get the treatment you need if something is wrong.”

Many typical abdominal symptoms of cancer go unnoticed or are dismissed as nothing serious.

Symptoms such as tummy pains, seeing blood in your poo, or coughing up blood should not be ignored and anyone experiencing this should contact their GP straight away.

## News in brief

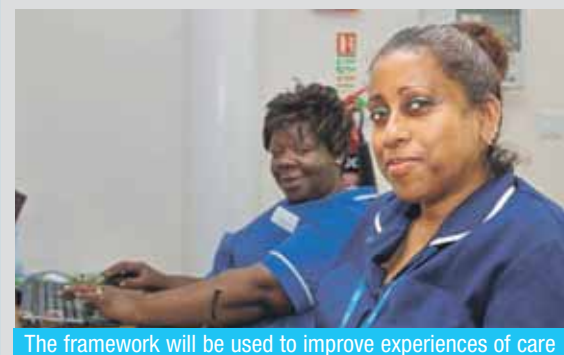
### Have your say on Hackney’s mental health services

THE East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT) is calling upon Hackney’s ethnically diverse service users, families and carers to take part in the Patient and Carers Race Equality framework (PCREF) questionnaire in order to understand what they think of the borough’s mental health services.

Findings from the PCREF questionnaire will be used to support NHS trusts nationally to improve ethnic minority community experiences of care in mental health services. Research shows persistent racial inequalities in health include the under-representation of older people in talking therapies and the over-representation of black British men in mental health secure care.

ELFT, which manages community, inpatient and crisis mental health services across Hackney and east London, is looking to gather the views of as many ethnically diverse people as possible.

Complete the questionnaire by 30 October at: [bit.ly/ELFT\\_inequalities](https://bit.ly/ELFT_inequalities)



The framework will be used to improve experiences of care

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: The latest news on the vaccine and rapid testing in the borough

### Why you should test regularly

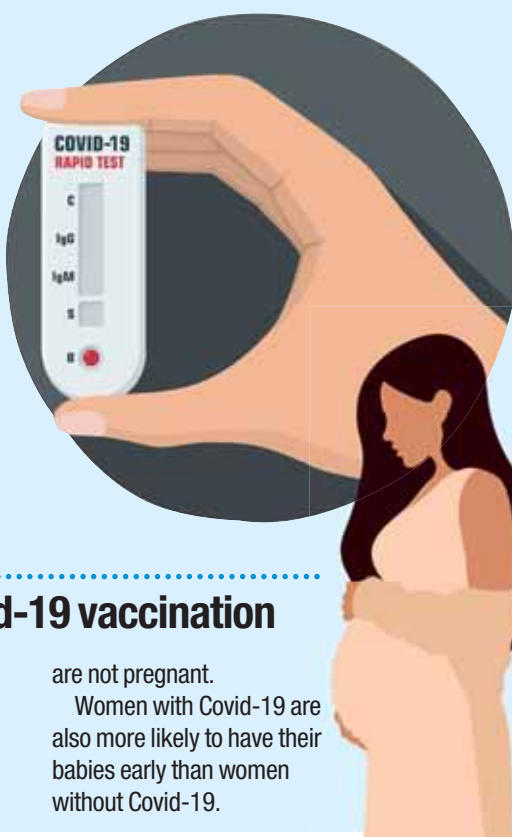
TAKING a free rapid test regularly means you don’t have to worry as much about spreading Covid-19. It means you can go out and enjoy time with family and friends without thinking about the virus.

Rapid tests are very quick, free and easy to get; you can order them to your home, pick them up from a local pharmacy or rapid testing site, or you can visit a rapid testing site whilst you’re on the go and take the test there.

Choose what’s most convenient for you here: [hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-support#rapid](https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-support#rapid)

THERE is also a mobile testing unit, which pops up in different areas around the borough and hands out boxes of free rapid tests, so you can stock up and stay safe.

Follow the Council on Twitter to find out where the testing unit is each day: [twitter.com/hacknycouncil](https://twitter.com/hacknycouncil)



### All pregnant women offered the Covid-19 vaccination

THE Covid-19 vaccine is safe and available to pregnant women at any point during their pregnancy. To date over 62,000 women in the UK have received

at least one dose.

Pregnant women with Covid-19 have a higher risk of intensive care admission than women of the same age who

are not pregnant.

Women with Covid-19 are also more likely to have their babies early than women without Covid-19.

### Getting your second dose of the vaccine

EVERYONE needs to have two doses of the Covid-19 vaccination for maximum protection against coronavirus.

You do not need to attend the same site where you got your first vaccine to get your second.

You can get your second vaccine at any site, either by booking via the NHS website, calling **119**, or by heading to a walk-in vaccination site without an appointment.

FOR A full list of clinics and their walk-in opening times, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-vaccine](https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-vaccine)

### Where to get your vaccination in Hackney

THERE are 10 vaccination centres in Hackney:

- **Bees Pharmacy**  
199 - 201 Rushmore Road, E5 0HD
- **Boots**  
120 Fleet Street, EC4A 2BE
- **Clockwork Pharmacy**  
398 - 400 Mare Street, E8 1HP
- **Haggerston Pharmacy**  
201 Haggerston Road, E8 4HU
- **John Scott Health Centre**  
220 Green Lanes, Woodberry Down, N4 2NU
- **Murrays Pharmacy**  
96-98 Murray Grove, N1 7QP
- **Silverfields Pharmacy**  
141 Homerton High Street, E9 6AS
- **Spring Pharmacy**  
233 Hoxton Street, N1 5LG
- **St Leonards Hospital vaccination centre**  
Nuttall Street, N1 5LZ
- **The Vaccination Centre**  
3a Bocking Street, E8 3RU



**T**HE Abney Park restoration project begins work this month to improve facilities, upgrade buildings and protect the ecology of the site.

The £5 million project, funded in part by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund, will bring the park's chapel back into use and introduce a new cafe and work spaces at its main entrance. An accessible new entrance on Stoke Newington Church Street will also be opened.

Although the park will remain open during the construction works, certain areas and entrances will be closed to the public at different times. The project is currently expected to be completed for spring 2023.

The works will create a new building to provide a learning space, a new cafe and public toilets, and refurbish existing buildings to provide offices and a base for volunteers.

Already a local haven for biodiversity, new species and grassland meadow areas are set to be introduced to the park.

In addition to new buildings, the Abney Park project will restore the park's much loved chapel, enabling it to be used for wedding ceremonies, concerts and other community events.

As part of the project, a new activity programme will also be launched, designed to engage



Image of the planned restoration of the east entrance and signage to Abney Park

**“I am delighted that we are starting work on this fantastic project to restore Abney Park to its former glory”**

visitors and increase volunteering schemes.

Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years, Parks and Play, said: “I am delighted that we are starting work on this fantastic project to restore Abney Park to its former glory. The park has a fascinating history and has always had a special place in the hearts of residents.

“As the resting place of many local anti-slavery

campaigners and dissenters, it is an ideal location to introduce new and inclusive learning facilities, which will provide a space for education and reflection to visitors for generations to come.”

Abney Park, which covers 12.5 hectares between Stoke Newington Church Street and Stoke Newington High Street, is one of Hackney's 58 green spaces. Listed as a Grade II park on Historic England's register

of parks and gardens of historic interest, it is one of the ‘Magnificent Seven’ cemeteries in London.

Nick Toner, Deputy Chair of Abney Park Trust, said: “We're delighted to see the formal start of the historic and exciting National Lottery Fund-supported restoration project. This renovation will bring new community spaces, boost biodiversity, restore the chapel and improve access.”

#### MORE INFO

For information on grave searches, talks, tours and events at the park, visit: [abneypark.org/abney-park-trust](http://abneypark.org/abney-park-trust)

## Hackney Council appoints new chief executive

A SENIOR public servant with a background in community development, race equality and leading outstanding council services has been appointed as Hackney Council's new chief executive.

Mark Carroll, pictured, who is currently Executive Director for Place and Public Health at Essex

County Council, begins his new role at Hackney on 4 October.

He started his career as a probation officer and led a charity working with young people and their families to

co-produce community responses to crime, drug and gang issues.

Mr Carroll said: “I'm very excited to be joining a borough that already has such great services and great people who are so proud of what they do.

“Our residents depend on us to deliver every day, and I look

forward to meeting staff and residents to learn about how we can continue to meet their expectations in a difficult financial climate.

“I am going to meet as many people as I can over the next few months, so I really start to really understand their hopes, aspirations, and experiences.”



## News in brief

### Council urges Government to rethink planning proposals

HACKNEY Council has called on the Government for a rethink on proposed planning reforms, which it believes could undermine local democracy, fail to tackle the housing crisis and lead to poorer quality new development. The proposals, set out in the Government's Planning for the Future white paper last year, would see a simplified planning process. The Council passed a motion describing the plans as ‘fundamentally flawed’ in July.

In a letter to Robert Jenrick MP, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, joined Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Guy Nicholson and Chair of the Planning Committee, Cllr Vincent Stops, in calling for a review of the proposals to protect the right of local communities to engage in planning applications, ensure that levies on new developments are kept locally, and guarantee local control of planning rules.

The letter says: “In Hackney, we're committed to ensuring a fair recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, and a Council and community-led planning system is vital to ensuring that local people are the first to benefit from change.

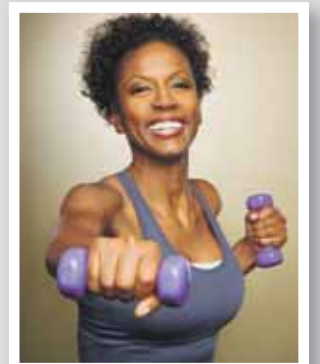
“We believe planning works best when local communities, Councillors, Councils, landowners and developers work together to shape local neighbourhoods to deliver much-needed new homes and workspaces, alongside coordinating the funding and delivery of neighbourhood-based infrastructure.”

### Your views can help shape health and wellbeing strategy

THERE is still time for residents aged 16 and over to take part in an online questionnaire on health in the borough. Residents aged 16 and over are urged to help shape the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which will give an updated picture of how the Council and local partners,

including the NHS, can support people's health and wellbeing.

Those who live, work or study in Hackney can take part and will be in with a chance to win a £150 ‘Love 2 Shop’ voucher. It takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and all feedback will be anonymous. Inputs from the survey will be used by the Health and Wellbeing Board to shape the draft version of the strategy that will go out for consultation later in the year. The deadline for the survey is 14 September. To take part in the survey, visit: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk](http://consultation.hackney.gov.uk) and search for ‘health and wellbeing’.





**O**VER £80,000 is available for arts and cultural-led projects in Shoreditch and Hoxton as part of the third and final round of the Council's community art fund.

Since 2019, more than £175,000 has been invested into arts projects in the neighbourhoods, which aim to build positive relationships in the area's diverse communities.

Projects so far have included a festival exploring working class identity, cross-cultural orchestras, disappearing poetry (pictured), dance, community murals and a live soap opera.

The investment is raised from Section 106 contributions, which are levies placed on new developments in Shoreditch and Hoxton.

The fund is enabling and supporting community projects that bring residents, businesses and visitors together through art and culture, building a better understanding between communities and helping them to share experiences.

Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy, said: "The Shoreditch and Hoxton Art Fund has provided the wherewithal



Photos: Tom Oldham



A Shoreditch and Hoxton Art Fund project, by Ministry of Stories, which saw poetry placed in unexpected places in and around the Hoxton neighbourhood, before it disappeared

**The response has helped build a bridge between the creative and tech businesses... and the community of local residents**

for artists and creative practitioners to become the bridge between residents and the changing neighbourhood brought about by a successful and rapidly growing local economy.

"The Art Fund has helped us all to embrace change and sets out to ensure that this change in our local neighbourhoods works for and with us – not against us.

"Led by local arts and

culture organisations, the response has helped build a bridge between the creative and tech business community clustered in and around Shoreditch and Hoxton and the community of local residents."

#### MORE INFO

For application eligibility, criteria and key information – and to apply – visit: [hackney.gov.uk/culture](https://hackney.gov.uk/culture)



## Mayor's column

### Hackney is committed to rehoming Afghan refugees

**THE current situation in Afghanistan is absolutely devastating and the Council is doing everything in its power to support the national effort to provide refuge and help to the Afghans fleeing the horror unfolding in their country.**

The Council has committed to providing homes to five families fleeing the crisis in Afghanistan; is supporting Afghan refugees currently placed in local hotels; and is coordinating the local community response and help.

Hackney Council is one of 27 London boroughs that have indicated a willingness to take between 125 and 152 families into the UK.

The borough has a long-standing reputation of being open and welcoming to migrants and refugees, especially those fleeing conflict in hope of a better life.

There are currently two schemes to help Afghan refugees to which the Council is committed to participating: one for former Afghan staff who worked for the British Government, and the wider resettlement scheme, of which we await further details from the government, for others who have recently escaped the country.

Refugees are currently in hotels managed by the Central Government, where their housing and wider needs are being assessed. They are being registered with GP practices and a number of community groups are helping provide clothing and other essentials.

The Council is currently identifying housing and making them ready for refugees, and has been working on a comprehensive and integrated support offer that will help refugees settle in Hackney. This will include housing, health care, education, adult skills, and community connections and integration.

I want to thank the community and voluntary organisations who have already stepped up or pledged support to the refugees placed locally. You have once again lived up to Hackney's reputation as a borough that welcomes migrants and refugees.

I know many of us feel powerless but there are some practical ways to help. The immediate needs of refugees living in local hotels are currently being met by the Government, the Council and local community groups.

However, this is a fast-evolving situation and there will be a need for further support, such as food banks, advice services, befriending, as well as social activities and community connections. We're asking the Hackney community to tell us how they can help.

Immediate priorities include:

**Accommodation:** please share the type of property, number of bedrooms and weekly/monthly rent rate when you email.

**Storage facilities:** businesses who have empty spaces that can be used for clothing storage and distribution. Ideal locations would be around Old Street.

If you can help, please tell the Council what you can offer by emailing: [policyprojects@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:policyprojects@hackney.gov.uk)

For more information on how you can help with the refugee crisis, including Hackney-based charities and organisations, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/refugees](https://hackney.gov.uk/refugees)

Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney

## 46 new Hackney Living Rent homes to be built



**TEACHERS and NHS workers will be among those to benefit from the new Hackney Living Rent homes as part of a £6 million Council grant.**

The Council is set to work with Peabody housing association to create 46 genuinely affordable homes across three schemes in Hackney following a grant from the Mayor of Hackney's Housing Challenge.

The Council fund uses

income from homes sold under the government's Right to Buy policy to help housing associations tackle the borough's housing crisis.

All 12 homes at the Morpeth Road development (pictured) near Victoria Park will be prioritised for local key workers at Hackney Living Rent rates, capped at just a third of median local household incomes.

A further 34 homes

across two other new Peabody developments at Powell Road in Clapton and the Pembury Estate in Hackney Central will also be available for low-cost rent or homeownership.

The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, said: "We'll keep doing what we can to provide genuinely affordable homes for Hackney."

For more information, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/building-help](https://hackney.gov.uk/building-help)

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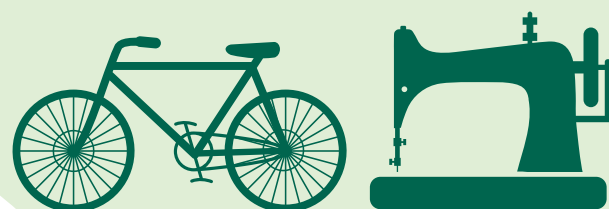
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# ZERO WASTE HUB

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**Hackney**



**T**HE Council is consulting on the closure of two children's centres in order to make savings as well as changes that will protect services for young children into the future.

The proposed closures are at Hillside Children's Centre, Holmleigh Road, N16; and Fernbank Children's Centre, Fountayne Road, N16.

All residents, and particularly those impacted or likely to be impacted in future by the proposed closures, are being asked to take part in the consultation.

A children's centre is a place where local families with young children can go to enjoy facilities, and receive support.

The Council runs 20 children's centres across the borough – one of the highest numbers of any London borough – all of which have been judged good or outstanding by Ofsted. Eleven of these offer childcare places, subsidised by the Council.

There is currently a 23 per cent childcare vacancy rate in centres across the borough, which reflects a London-wide trend of falling reception class rolls. This means some centres are no longer viable in the current financial climate.

The two centres, earmarked for closure, are situated in an area where increasing numbers of children are attending independent settings; and they are two of four centres within a short walking distance of each other.

Twenty-three children in childcare are likely to be impacted by the time any changes happen. However, these families will be given priority at other centres.

A small number of staff will be affected by the proposed changes; they are being consulted, and some will be redeployed.

The closures will allow the Council to focus its limited resources on making important changes and



Photo: Sean Pollock

improvements, and to ensure they have the biggest impact for those who need them most (see box-out).

Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet Member for Early Years, said: "We have one of the highest numbers of children's centres of any London borough.

"They are a trusted mainstay of our communities, and we know that residents who use these centres value them immensely: 97 per cent of people we talked to were positive about the centres they used.

"Closing any of them is not something we want to do. However, we can only work with the resources we

**“Closing any of them is not something we want to do. However, we can only work with the resources we have”**

have available.

"We want to reassure residents that, despite the financial pressures we face as a Council, we will always do our best to ensure our most vulnerable families have access to the childcare and respite they need."

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Council's finances has been profound. It spent tens of millions of pounds providing direct help and

emergency response to residents and businesses.

The crisis-spend comes on top of a more than a decade of sustained Government cuts, which has seen core funding nearly halved since 2010. As a result, the Council needs to make many millions of savings in the next financial year, including £1 million in the Early Years Service.

The consultation proposals form part of the Council's new Early Years Strategy, based on engagement with parents, carers and professionals. It sets out the Council's vision, priorities and principles that underpin all the services it provides for young children and their families, and outlines how it will protect those services into the future.

#### MORE INFO

The consultation runs from 14 September to 16 November. Visit: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk)

### Focusing limited resources

THE closures will allow the Council to focus its limited resources on making important changes and improvements, and to ensure they have the biggest impact for those who need them most.

This includes:

- Developing Early Years SEND hubs in the north and south of the borough for children with complex needs to support them through the education,

health and care process;

- Developing plans to turn six children's centres into new 'children and family hubs' that bring together services for younger and older children, as well as family-focused support, under one roof;
- Joining early years and health visiting teams to provide holistic support and guidance for young children and their families.

## News in brief

### Clapton's King's Hall Leisure Centre set for £6m upgrade

NEARLY £6 million for repairs has been agreed to upgrade Clapton's King's Hall Leisure Centre.

Recent surveys of the Lower Clapton Road leisure centre have identified that repairs are required to stabilise the building and allow it to continue to operate safely in the future.

King's Hall, which is operated on behalf of the Council by social enterprise charity Better, offers a number of leisure facilities, including swimming pools, a gym and a sports hall. Cllr Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure, said: "King's Hall is an important social and historic landmark for the borough and a crucial part of Hackney's fantastic leisure provision.

"The Council has long recognised the impact that sport and physical activity can have on residents' wellbeing.

"We must ensure our leisure facilities continue to meet the demands and expectations of our community, especially with a growing population and reducing resources."



The swimming pool at King's Hall Leisure Centre in Clapton

### Join new partnership board to have say on carer services

UNPAID carers in Hackney are being invited to join the new Carers Partnership Board and have a say about services for carers in Hackney.

The Hackney Carers Partnership Board will meet every two months, for two hours, throughout the year ahead to represent the needs of unpaid carers to the Council and local health services.

The board will help ensure the views of carers are heard, acted on and fed back to help make Hackney an even more carer-friendly borough.

Gift vouchers will be given to carers for their participation and in recognition of their time.

The deadline for applications is 24 September.

To express an interest in joining the board, visit: [bit.ly/carers\\_board](https://bit.ly/carers_board); or call: 020 8356 7148.





# HACKNEY BLACK HISTORY

## IN THE MAKING



Contributors to the BRAFA charity single outside Hive Studio, Stoke Newington, 24 February 1985 © David Corio

### Making Black History Visible in Hackney and the UK

September - December 2021

For full details, online resources and event listings visit:

[LoveHackney.com/BlackHistorySeason](https://www.lovehackney.com/BlackHistorySeason)

[@HackneyBlackHistory](https://www.facebook.com/HackneyBlackHistory)

[@hackney\\_black\\_history](https://www.instagram.com/hackney_black_history)

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### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

- The opening of BRAFA square honouring the British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal
- The unveiling of artist Veronica Ryan's sculptures - the UK's first permanent, public artworks to honour the Windrush Generation
- The renaming of Kit Crowley Gardens as part of the Review, Rename, Reclaim project
- New Hackney Museum exhibition - Being African In Hackney
- Plus events and activities from Hackney's Libraries, Archives, Education services and cultural venues

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**H**IGH-FLYING students at Oldhill Community School and Children's Centre, N16, have been getting creative to kick off the academic year with a kite-flying session in Springfield Park.

The launch event, on 9 September, was attended by staff, students, parents and Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care, to mark the school's rebranding under its new name.

The school was originally named after Francis Tyssen – a name identified as contentious by the Council's Review, Rename, Reclaim, which reviews Hackney's public spaces and buildings that are named after former slave and plantation owners.

Cllr Bramble said: "It was an absolute joy to spend time with the brilliant staff, students and parents at Oldhill for a kite-flying session in the sunshine on Springfield Park.

"This is a shining example of how the Council's work – from Review, Rename, Reclaim, to our Black History Curriculum – can inspire Hackney's other organisations to push for change."

Last year the school launched a consultation with parents and children. With a community of over 70 per cent ethnically diverse pupils and 60 per cent ethnically diverse staff,

the overwhelming majority were in favour of removing the old name.

In addition to a £15,000 grant to fund updates of the new name including notices, signs and new uniforms, the Council led design workshops with the children to help land a new logo.

Oldhill Headteacher, Jackie Benjamin, said: "The children had a fantastic time trying to fly their kites. We chose the kite as the new symbol for our school as kites symbolise freedom and aiming high.

"Seeing the children enthusiastically trying to

get their kites off the ground and persevering until they were able to take flight is exactly what we want from our children; perseverance and the eagerness to get the best possible outcomes.

"This is a new beginning for the Oldhill community and we will always aim to achieve more."

### MORE INFORMATION



For more information about Review, Rename, Reclaim, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/naming-review](https://hackney.gov.uk/naming-review)

For more information about Hackney's Diverse Curriculum, visit: [hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/hackneys-diverse-curriculum](https://hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/hackneys-diverse-curriculum)

## Volunteer to help children read

A CHILDREN'S literacy charity is returning its reading programme to Hackney's primary schools and is looking for volunteers to help out.

Bookmark provides one-to-one reading support to primary school children. The programmes are designed to fit around their

volunteers' schedules.

Volunteers in Hackney can visit local schools for reading sessions, or, if volunteering online suits them better, it can be done from a home computer.

Each programme involves two 30-minute sessions a week, for six weeks, with a child aged five to nine years.

All volunteers will receive full training and support. Using the charity's app, they can select their session times to fit their schedule.

The programme gets underway this month. To find out more, visit: [bookmarkreading.org/volunteer](https://bookmarkreading.org/volunteer)



Children build up reading skills and confidence through the 30-minute sessions



Oldhill pupils gave their new name a flying start

Photos: Gary Manhine

## New covid rules for students

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble  
Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member  
for Education, Young People and  
Children's Social Care



**I WANT to wish all of our students who are returning to school the very best for the new autumn term.**

The last academic year was another challenging one due to the coronavirus pandemic, but I am proud of how our staff, students and their families equipped themselves in the face of unprecedented challenges.

It was great to see so many of our students enjoying themselves over the holidays at Young Hackney or other summer events, or reuniting with their peers on GCSE and A-level results days, but we are now looking ahead to the new academic year. I wanted to remind students, staff, parents and carers of a number of key changes relating to Covid-19 restrictions as we enter a new term:

- Schools no longer trace close contacts of Covid-19, except in exceptional circumstances. This is undertaken by NHS Test and Trace;
- The use of 'bubbles' is no longer recommended and pupils will be able to mix more freely. Assemblies, all school trips, drama, music and sporting activity will be able to resume as normal;
- Children under the age of 18 years who are direct contacts of positive Covid-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate;
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

The Director of Public Health, Dr Sandra Husbands, may advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some controls where required. Schools must have systems in place to:

- Ensure there is a good hygiene for everyone;
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes;
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated – risk assessments should identify any poorly ventilated spaces and steps should be taken to improve fresh air flow;
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

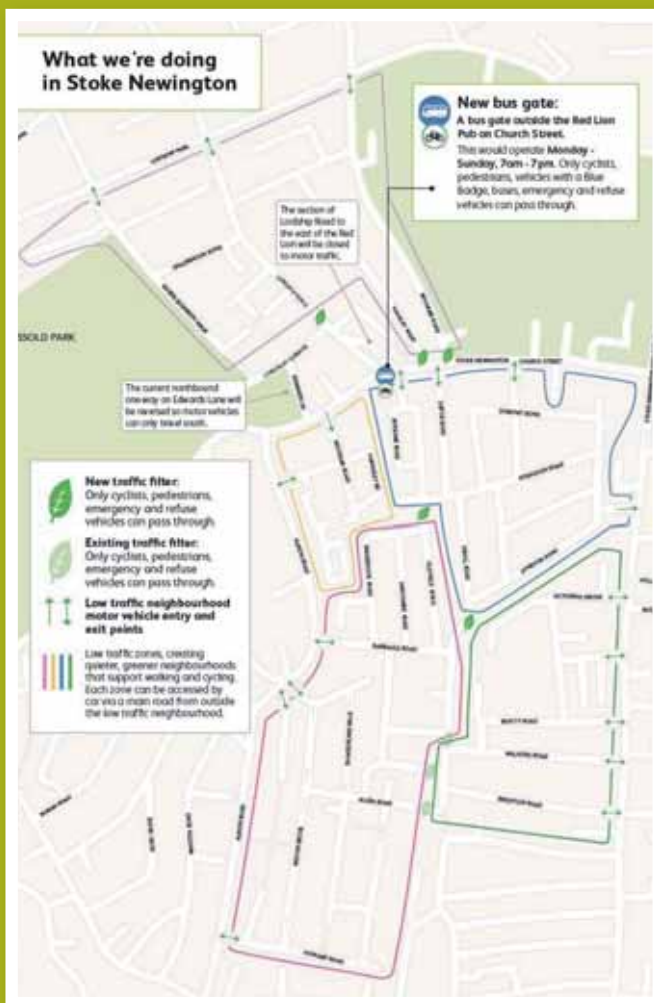
Staff and secondary aged students are encouraged to continue undertaking regular (twice weekly) lateral flow tests at home until the end of September when this will be reviewed.

We continue to ask all schools and settings to notify Hackney Education as soon as they are alerted of a child or staff member testing positive for Covid-19. This information will be used by Hackney Education and Public Health to support schools and settings and to implement local measures where required. The Joint Committee on Vaccination & Immunisation has recommended vaccination for the following groups of children and young people:

- 12-15 year olds with specific vulnerabilities;
- Those aged 12 years and over who live with individuals who are immunosuppressed;
- All 16-17 year olds.

Once again, I want to wish students, parents, carers and staff all the best for the academic year ahead. Together you can continue to make the borough proud.





Map of five 24-hour traffic filters; Car Free Day, on Stoke Newington Church Street in 2019 (pictured), proved very popular among residents – with many identifying traffic and air quality as significant issues in the area

# Reimagining Church Street

## Stoke Newington's high street is to be closed to through traffic from 20 September

**S**TOKE Newington Church Street is set to be closed to polluting through traffic from 7am to 7pm from 20 September.

This follows engagement with residents in the Stoke Newington area in 2019, with many identifying traffic and air quality as significant issues in the area.

As part of the plans, a bus gate will be installed outside the Red Lion pub on Stoke Newington Church Street, which would operate from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Sunday, and would permit buses, cyclists, pedestrians and emergency vehicles to pass through.

Other vehicles won't be able to drive through

between 7am and 7pm.

The bus gate would also be the first in the borough to allow Blue Badge holders with a registered companion badge to drive through at any time, after the Council recently revised its policy following feedback from residents with disabilities.

A further five 24-hour traffic filters (see map), allowing only pedestrians,

cyclists, emergency and waste vehicles through, will also be introduced in the area to prevent traffic from using alternative residential routes as a shortcut.

The reimagined Stoke Newington Church Street will be introduced on a trial basis under an experimental traffic order, with residents able to have their say once it is introduced.

Following the

introduction of measures around Church Street, which are funded by Transport for London (TfL) and the Department for Transport, the Council will introduce blended crossings on Bouverie Road and Yoakley Road, which are funded by the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund. The Council is also continuing to develop designs for pavement

widening where this is possible along the road.

Cllr Mete Coban MBE, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, said: "Over a number of years we've been speaking to people in Stoke Newington about how we can improve Church Street and the surrounding area. During those consultations, people told us that traffic and

pollution levels are too high, which is why we're introducing these plans.

"These plans for Stoke Newington will be transformative – greatly improving air quality, creating a better neighbourhood, and helping to rebuild a greener Hackney for our residents and businesses."

The move is part of the Council's plans to rebuild a greener Hackney, improve air quality, and help people to walk, cycle and support local businesses.

### Key facts for Stoke Newington's Church Street traffic closure

A 7am to 7pm bus gate outside the Red Lion pub will help to reduce traffic. Only buses, cyclists, Blue Badge holders, emergency and waste vehicles will be able to drive through.

**All homes and businesses can still be accessed by vehicles at all times – they just can't drive through the bus gate between 7am and 7pm.**

A further five 24 hour traffic filters will stop other roads being

used as alternative short cut.

**The emergency services can drive through the filters.**

Improved crossings on the Yoakley Road and Bouverie Road junctions with Church Street will be introduced.

**Local pavements will be widened on Church Street, where possible.**

A local cargo bike sharing service is set to be introduced.

#### MORE INFO

For more information, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/stoke-newington-ltn](https://hackney.gov.uk/stoke-newington-ltn)



**C**ONSTRUCTION work is set to start later this year on a £2million project to improve Shoreditch Park.

The plans for the park include a refurbished children's play area, new outdoor gym, multi-use games area, beach volleyball court, and work to enhance the park's accessibility, biodiversity and sustainability.

This follows two years of consultation and engagement with local people, in which 1,600 people told the Council how they'd like the park improved. Final plans have now been developed by the Council and landscape architects LUC.

Existing play equipment in the park is set to be replaced by a new play area next to Rushton Street with a tower and mound, sand pit with sand play pieces, swings (including basket and accessible swings with rigid backs), slides (including a wide slide for two people), more trees, an inclusive roundabout with space for wheelchair users, shade and seating areas.

A new sports plaza with a beach volleyball court, a multi-use games area, table tennis tables, new outdoor gym, trees and a seating area will be located in the south of the park, next to the adventure playground.

Dorothy Thurtle Gardens, south of the Britannia Leisure Centre, will get a makeover, with

new planting, pathways and a play trail. Additional benches will be provided along pathways and old benches will be replaced.

Throughout the park, grass will be resown to improve the informal sports pitch, Dorothy Thurtle Gardens and the play area. Relaxed grass mowing in certain areas of the park, rain gardens, permeable surfaces, hedges, log piles, a wildflower meadow and planting will all help to enhance the park's biodiversity, improve drainage and mitigate against climate change induced flash flooding.

Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years, Parks and Play, said: "I'm

really excited about these plans, which will keep Shoreditch Park at the heart of the community.

"So many residents told us what they'd like to see,

which is now reflected in the ambitious plans for a new play area, sports plaza and crucial biodiversity and sustainability improvements."



**“Ambitious plans for a new play area, sports plaza and crucial biodiversity and sustainability improvements”**

## News in brief

### First cargo bike sharing scheme to be launched

THE first publicly available cargo bike sharing scheme in the country is set to be launched in Hackney this month to help residents and businesses carry goods by bike and support them to reduce transport emissions.

Eight new electrically assisted cargo bikes will be available to rent from four docking stations across Hackney, with two in Shoreditch, close to the borders with Islington and Tower Hamlets, one in London Fields and one in Stoke Newington.

Each of the e-cargo bikes are capable of carrying up to 80kg – and can be used for shopping, deliveries, and moving small items of furniture.

The scheme – called Cargo Bike Share – is funded by the Mayor of London and the tri-borough Zero Emissions Network, which helps residents in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington save money and reduce emissions. It is being delivered by Beryl, an urban bike share provider. The bikes will be available to hire through the Beryl app when the scheme has launched. Docking stations are currently being installed.



### New cycle lane for Lea Bridge

THE Council and Transport for London (TfL) have set out the next steps for their plans for a new Cycleway cycle route between Lea Bridge and Dalston.

In 2019, TfL asked local people to have their say on its plans to make roads connecting local neighbourhoods better for walking and cycling. Plans for the route include:

- An overhaul of Lea Bridge Roundabout, including protected cycle lanes, to make it safer for people to cross this junction;
- A protected cycle lane westbound on Lea Bridge Road, to separate people cycling from motor traffic;
- A new tree-lined boulevard for people cycling and walking within Millfields Park, with new trees, lighting and improved landscaping;
- New and upgraded signalised junctions with facilities for people walking and cycling;
- Changing entry to and exit from some roads along the route.

Construction work on the route is now planned to begin in Millfields Park in the autumn, with work planned to begin on Lea Bridge Road and at Lea Bridge Roundabout next year.



Lea Bridge Road and roundabout are set to get a makeover

## Cheaper on-street vehicle smart chargers to be installed

HACKNEY is one of the first boroughs in the UK to take part in an Electric Vehicles (EV) trial that could save drivers hundreds of pounds.

The project will see 30 public on-street smart chargers installed across the borough, cutting costs by as much as 50 per cent for people who don't have driveways.

Smart metering allows EVs to schedule charging at times when energy prices are cheapest, such as overnight when demand is low or on sunny days when solar energy is abundant.

The trial will run in Hackney until May next year, after which the 30 chargers will be passed to the Council, providing much needed on-street EV

charging infrastructure.

Electric vehicle ownership is increasing, with Hackney registrations up 91 per cent last year, compared with 2019. However, Hackney households without off-street parking have to rely on the public charging network to charge EVs.

There are currently 124 charging points, with

funding and plans in place to bring its total to 296 by the end of the year. The Council hopes to have 3,000 charge points in Hackney by 2030.

To apply to take part in the scheme, sign up at: [agilestreets.com](http://agilestreets.com)

A selection process will then take place to ensure applicants live and / or work in Hackney.



# Cheaper, greener, better nappies!

#ZeroWasteHackney  
Go Beyond Recycling

## Thousands of parents are making the switch to real nappies

Real cotton nappies are easy to use, soft on the skin and don't contain absorbent gels. They are cheaper than disposable ones, a study showed a saving of up to £1,000 compared to buying disposable nappies.

Meet local parents, chat about real nappies,  
and claim your £54 voucher:

- **Nappuccinos** -  
washable nappy demos
- Advice and information about  
real nappies
- Pop-up nappy shop
- **Give and take days** -  
swaps for real nappies, baby  
clothes, and maternity wear
- Information on washable nappies



**Free £54 nappy voucher** for Hackney residents.  
Apply online [realnappiesforlondon.org.uk](https://realnappiesforlondon.org.uk) or  
come to one of our [hackneyrealnappy.net/events/](https://hackneyrealnappy.net/events/)

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[education.hackney.gov.uk](http://education.hackney.gov.uk)

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**T**HE resilience of students in Hackney has been championed after the class of 2021 produced a stellar set of GCSE and A-level results.

After another challenging year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, schools used a range of evidence for grades – including classwork, coursework and mock exams.

Our Lady's Catholic High School student Bobola Agboola, 16, achieved five 9s, three 8s, one 7 and a 6 in her GCSEs. She is going to study medicine at Woodhouse College.

Bobola said: "I'm so pleased with my results! We were hardly able to come to school for several months, but fortunately the online learning available to us was excellent. My teachers helped a lot, especially in subjects like maths and history."

Nathaniel Dowding, 16, was a star performer at Skinners' Academy after achieving seven 9s and three 8s in his GCSEs.

He said: "I'm quite shocked and amazed with my results. It's been a difficult year as we've had to work more independently. But we had a lot of help from our teachers. I'll be going on to study maths, chemistry and physics."

Urswick School's Miriam Summers, 18, who achieved three A\*s in sociology, ethics and theology, and history in her A-level results, is going on to read Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Cavendish College, Cambridge.

Miriam said: "I'd like to thank all of my A-level teachers for their tireless

efforts to help me on the path to where I am now. I am so looking forward to developing my knowledge further."

Fellow Urswick student Cosmo Siddons, 18, is going to study Chinese studies at Queen's College, Oxford after achieving A\*s in English literature, history and politics.

Cosmo said: "Although the last two years have been challenging it has ended well for all of us. I have felt fully supported by all the teaching staff. It's great to know all the hard work has paid off and I'm really looking

forward to the next stage of my education."

Bridge Academy's Isha Sowe, 18, is heading

to Brunel University to read psychology after securing an A in psychology, B in history and B in sociology.

Isha said: "Receiving our results this morning has been a huge weight off my shoulders. I achieved my personal goal, despite a chaotic year, and I am excited for my future."

The Mayor of Hackney,

Philip Glanville; Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care, Cllr Anntoinette Bramble; and Director of Education, Annie Gammon, visited schools across the borough to congratulate students on their efforts.

Cllr Bramble said: "It

was so special to witness students being reunited with their friends and teachers at school to collect their results. There is an extraordinary spirit here in Hackney, which has been exemplified by our students flourishing in their studies despite unprecedented circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic.

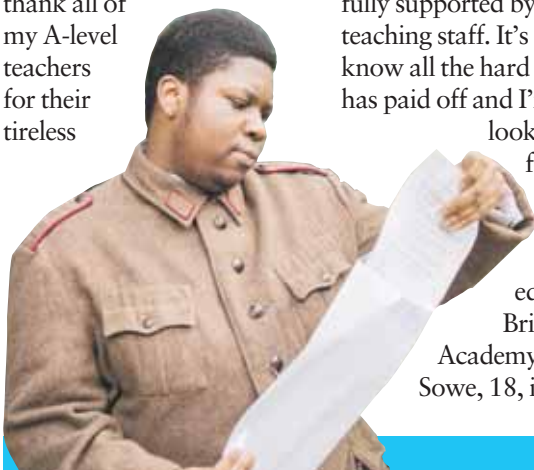
"Our GCSE and A-level students are a credit to Hackney. I want to thank the incredible teachers, support staff and families who have supported our young people."

### MORE INFO

For more information about apprenticeships, jobs and training visit:  
[opportunities.hackney.gov.uk](http://opportunities.hackney.gov.uk)



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# IT'S TIME TO BE ENTERTAINED AGAIN

**Hackney's cultural venues are welcoming back audiences with a range of special offers for residents.**



To take advantage of discounted tickets and free events at venues across the borough, visit [lovehackney.uk/entertainment-offers](https://lovehackney.uk/entertainment-offers)



Tag **@hacknycouncil** using **#HelloAgainHackney** as you rediscover Hackney's cultural venues







Find out more about the Council's housebuilding programme at:  
[hackney.gov.uk/building](https://hackney.gov.uk/building)

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**E**VEN more genuinely affordable homes are set to be built in Hackney after the Council secured a £17.5 million boost from the Mayor of London to maintain its social housing drive beyond next year.

The grant from the Greater London Authority's Affordable Homes Programme will fund an additional 100 new homes for social rent as the Council extends its award-winning, not-for-profit housebuilding scheme, which has already delivered nearly 500 social rent homes since its launch.

The Council is currently delivering on its commitment to build almost 2,000 homes, three new schools (Nightingale Primary School, New Regent's College and City of London Academy Shoreditch Park) as well as the state-of-the-art Britannia Leisure Centre between 2018 and 2022.

Through its pioneering cross-subsidy model, more than half of the Council's new homes are for genuinely affordable social rent, shared ownership and Hackney Living Rent,



**The future starts now**  
Mayor of London grant will help the Council build more affordable homes for local people



Photos: John Macdonald-Fulton / JMFoto; Peter Landers Photography; Mark Hadden; David Grandorge

**“ Hackney is building, with more than 1,800 new homes now built, under construction or approved since May 2018 ”**

despite the absence of Government funding, with the remainder sold outright to help pay for them.

With the Council already working with residents at the De Beauvoir Estate, Lincoln Court and Frampton Park on plans for new homes after next year, this funding will help the Council develop plans for new Council homes beyond these projects.

The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, said: “Since launching in 2011, our not-for-profit Council housebuilding approach has led the way in delivering a new generation of high-quality Council housing in Hackney – a model we are now seeing followed by councils across London.

“Despite the huge challenges caused by Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic, Hackney is building, with more than 1,800 new homes now built, under construction or approved since May 2018 to provide genuinely affordable homes for local people.

“This funding shows that we're not ready to stop there and, as we develop plans for even more new homes, will ensure as many as possible are homes for social rent we desperately need.”

#### MORE INFO

Find out more about the Council's housebuilding programme at: [hackney.gov.uk/building](https://hackney.gov.uk/building)

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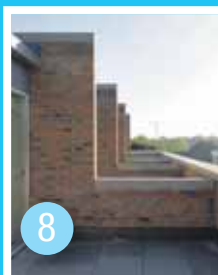
Homes completed by Hackney since 2018, at Aikin Court, Colville, King Edwards Road, Bridge House, St Leonard's Court, Frampton Park and Whiston Road

**170**

Homes have started construction at Tower Court, Daubeney Road, Mandeville Street and Gooch House

**806**

Homes have received planning permission at Colville, Marian Court, Nightingale, Kings Crescent, Pedro Street, Buckland Street, Wimbourne Street, the Fairbank Estate and Britannia



Examples of the Council's new homes it's built since 2018: 1. King Edward Road; 2. Ms Margaret Bibby with her son Prince, tenants of King Edward Road; 3. St Leonard's Court; 4. Kings Crescent; 5. Bridge House; 6 & 7. Colville Estate; 8. Aikin Villas; 9. Mayor Glanville with Kings Crescent residents Tia Son Nguyen and her family; 10. St Leonard's Court



# HELLO AGAIN, HACKNEY

**G**ET ready for a week of dancing, music, flag making and colourful artwork with the return of the virtual Hackney Carnival celebration, which is taking place until 19 September.

See Hackney Town Hall Square adorned with carnival bunting, designed by Urban Touch, as well as flags from participating countries and an artwork on Hackney Empire (read pages 18-19); watch the opening carnival gala event, hosted by MC Paige Cakey at Hackney Empire; and get involved in the online Sound System Day and the Virtual Carnival Day livestream.

The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, said: "It's great to see how this year's online carnival programme will keep the carnival traditions alive while we can't yet return to a live carnival on our streets."

"As always, the borough's renowned carnival groups are at the heart of the event and I look forward to seeing their talents reflected online."

Here is what's in store:

## Sound System Day

SPECIAL guest Aba Shanti-I is headlining the online Sound System Day, on 18 September from 12 noon to 8pm, alongside other DJs, who will be blasting their sounds online on Mixcloud.

DJs include Solution Sound System (Dub Reggae), DJ Nindi (Samba, Frevo Maracatu), Faggamuffin Bloc Party, Soca Massive (Soca), Yaram (African), DJ Green Papi (Latin and HipHop), Soca Saga Boys DJs, Community Hi Fi (Reggae Dancehall) and more.

This year, the static sound system DJs will also be joined online by mobile DJs, who normally play on the floats.

Listen here: [mixcloud.com/djnindi/](https://www.mixcloud.com/djnindi/)



## Hackney Carnival at Home promises a week-long festival of music, dancing, flag making and artwork



## Virtual Carnival Livestream

FOLLOWING the success of the Virtual Carnival livestream last year, veteran carnival maestro Pax Nindi returns to curate a marathon eight-hour livestream on the Hackney Carnival Facebook page on 19 September, from 12 noon to 8pm.

Expect lively interviews with guests and Hackney carnival groups Jun Mo Generation, Soca Saga

Boys and Blema Dancers; behind-the-scenes films and pre-recorded sets by musicians and bands Alex Dayo, Scrappy, Jah Bunny, Stamford Hillbillies, Kasai Masai, Bob Health, Miss Trendee, and KGJ – Sax Shuffle Feat; and check out an appearance by special guest Ata Kak.

The Virtual Carnival Day will stream at: [facebook.com/hackneycarnival](https://www.facebook.com/hackneycarnival)



## Soca Challenge

THE livestream will include the return of the Soca Challenge, a highlight from last year's virtual carnival.

Residents can take part by creating moves to the specially commissioned Soca track 'Tamba Carnival'.

The track features various musical influences and styles including Latin percussions, Soca singing by Martinique-born Soca artist Scrappy, and

Zimbabwean lyrics by Hackney Carnival producer Pax Nindi.

To take the challenge, entrants should download the track, film themselves dancing and upload the video to: [lovehackney.uk](https://www.lovehackney.uk)







## HACKNEY CARNIVAL AT HOME 2021

### Get involved!

**Soca Challenge**  
Show off your carnival moves or write some song lyrics!  
[lovehackney.uk/soca-challenge](https://lovehackney.uk/soca-challenge)

**MAKE YOUR OWN CARNIVAL FLAG AT HOME**  
Pick up a free flag kit from a Hackney library



Photos: Nick David



## Carnival producers

**FOUR** carnival producers are collaborating on the production of Hackney Carnival with the borough's diverse carnival groups.

The co-producers previously collaborated on the Hackney Carnival at Home project last year. Their roles are as follows:

**PAX NINDI** produced the Virtual Carnival Day livestream and the Sound System Day.

**DEBORAH MULLINS** produced the carnival arts workshops with schools and elders groups, and the associated carnival artworks.

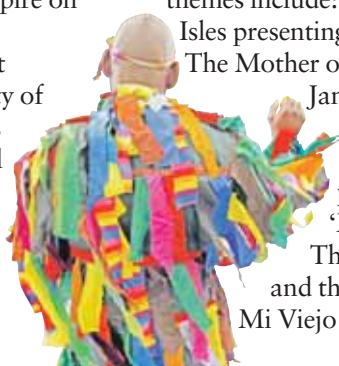
**MANUELA BENINI** produced the carnival bunting, carnival in a bag craft kits and the live dance project.

**MARVA ANTOINE** produced the Gala event at the Hackney Empire.

## Carnival Gala

RESIDENTS can watch the grand opening Carnival Gala, which took place at Hackney Empire on 12 September.

Get an insight into the diversity of carnival themes and the cultural traditions of Bolivia, Brazil, the Caribbean, Ghana and Senegal, all



portrayed by Hackney's carnival groups

The groups and their themes include: Tropical Isles presenting 'Serenity: The Mother of Peace'; Jamboulay Carnival Arts presenting 'Mamaguy, The Spider and the fly'; Mi Viejo San

Simon presenting 'The Bolivian Caporal Dance'; Unity Carnival and Cultural Arts presenting 'Windrush Child'; Taru Arts and Morningside Primary School presenting 'Colours of the World'; Pan Vibration presenting 'Carnival Lives Matter'; Paracarnival presenting '11 Years Anniversary Rally'; Dimensions and Colvestone Primary School

presenting 'Swinging 20s'; Gahu Dramatic Arts presenting 'A New Day Dawns'; Soca Massive Fancy Sailors Carnival Band presenting 'Tropical Sunrise'; Yaram Arts presenting 'Zimba and her Cubs'; Urban Touch presenting 'Rebirth'; Pantonic Steel Orchestra presenting 'Soca Love'.

Watch at: [lovehackney.uk/carnival](https://lovehackney.uk/carnival)

Local schools, sound systems and carnival groups are all taking part in this year's virtual Hackney Carnival, which takes place from 12 to 19 September. Hackney Town Hall Square will also be adorned with bunting and flags



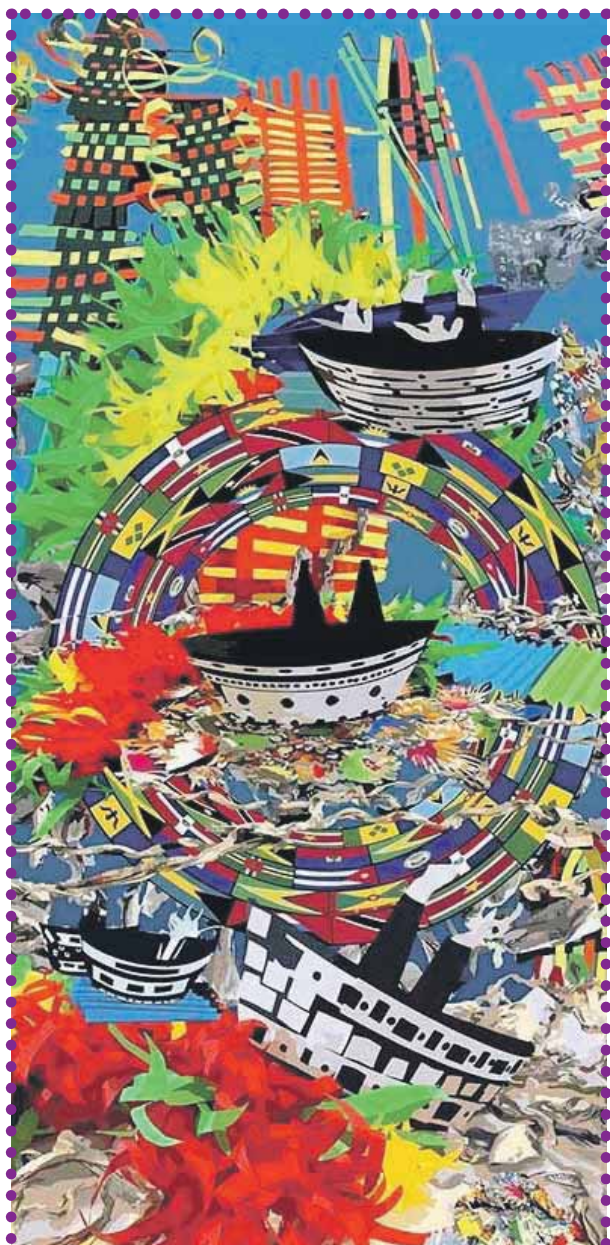
## Carnival Flags

RESIDENTS can also express their love for the carnival by creating a carnival flag for their home. A free carnival flag kit with full instructions can be collected from libraries in the borough.

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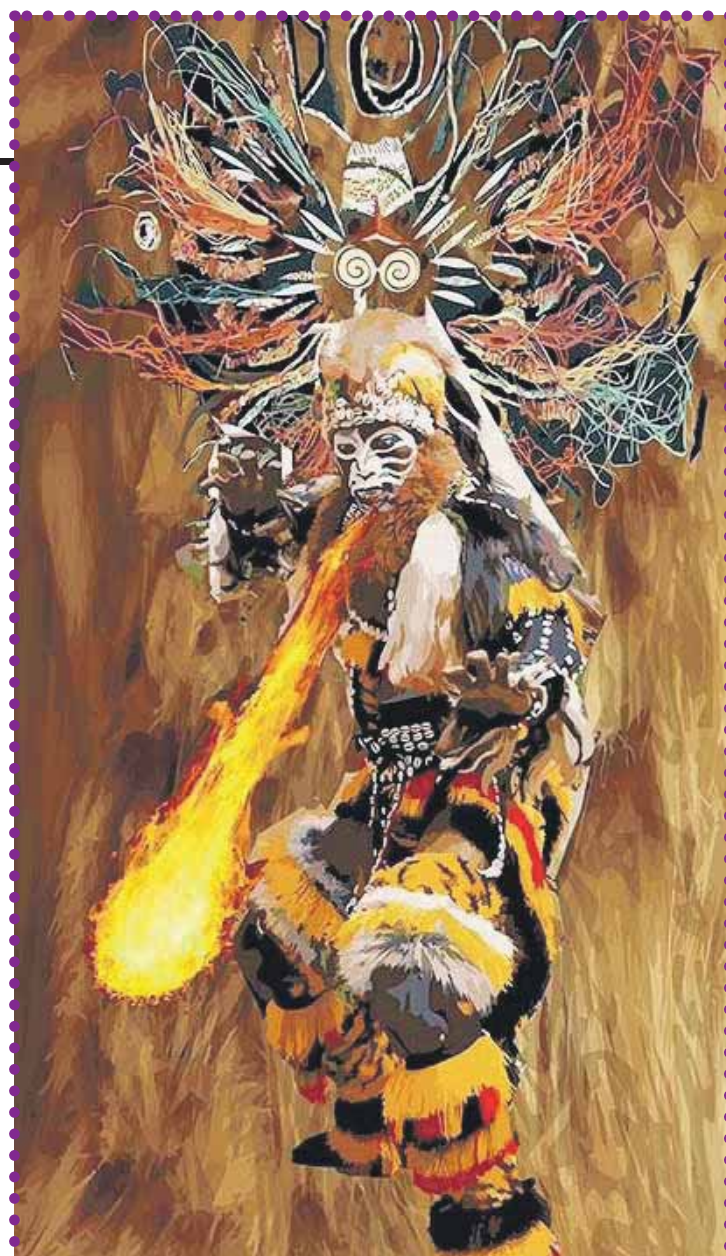
For more information on this year's week-long Hackney carnival celebrations, or to get involved, visit: [facebook.com/hackneycarnival](https://facebook.com/hackneycarnival)





**Artwork:** Windrush artwork, inspired by a Windrush presentation by Unity Carnival Arts  
**School or elders' group:** St Paul's with St Michael's School

**Artwork:** Chinese fans artwork, inspired by a fan-decorating workshop by far east Asian group Jun Mo Generation  
**School or elders' group:** St Joseph's Hospice



**Artwork:** African lion artwork, inspired by a 'Zimba' or lion performance by Yaram Arts  
**School or elders' group:** Hackney Caribbean Elders Organisation

# Creative carnival

**A**SPART of this year's Hackney Carnival at Home, artworks designed by local schoolchildren and older residents are set to be displayed at Hackney Empire and online.

Over 700 children from seven Hackney primary schools and 40 older people from three community groups took part in art workshops run by carnival artists from Taru Arts, Pan Vibrations and Unity Carnival Arts.

The artists working with the children and elders were: Lucky Thomas, Ruth Collins, Valerio D'Oliveiro, Caroline Jones and Diana Jones. The lead artist and designer was Jamshid Maylanchi and the producer

**“We've been going into schools to teach about our heritage, our music, our dance and our national attire”**

was Deborah Mullins.

Together, they created 11 large-scale artworks, which celebrate Hackney's rich cultural heritage.

Ruth Collins, of Unity Carnival Arts, which led sessions with St Paul's with St Michael's School, E8, said: “We've been going into schools to teach about our heritage, our music, our dance and our national attire.

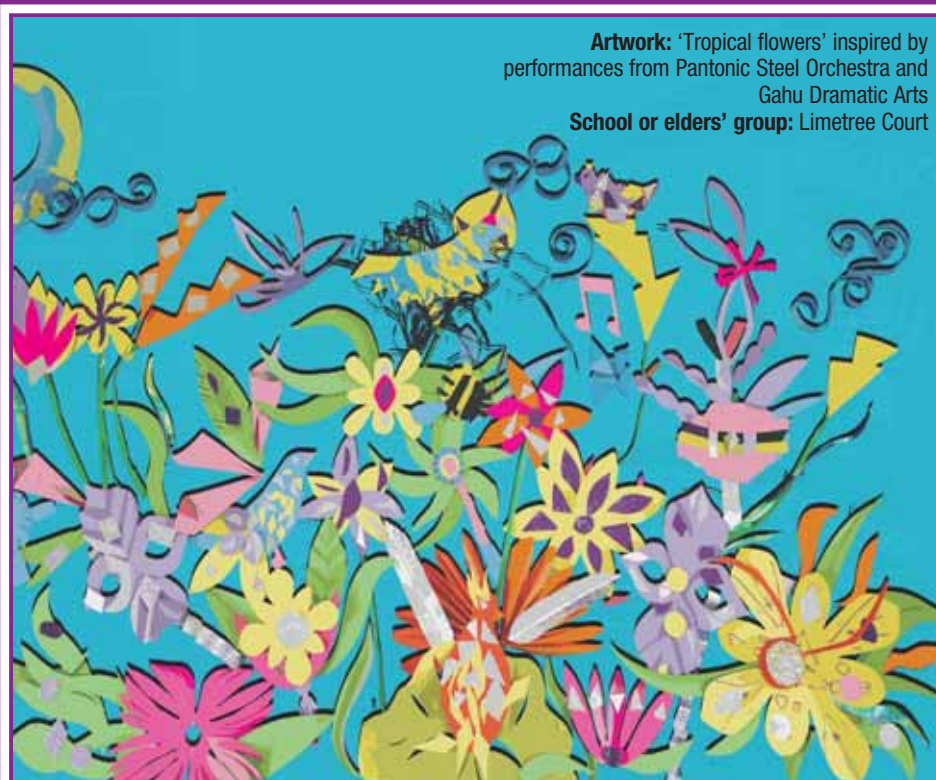
“What was amazing was that a lot of these young children were from the

Caribbean islands and they did not know all of this – and it has never been talked about before.

“So now that we've started, I feel inspired to go into more schools and get everyone to understand the positives about what we, the Caribbean community, have contributed to this country.”

## MORE INFO

View the artworks, as part of Black History Season, at: [lovehackney.uk/carnival](http://lovehackney.uk/carnival)



**Artwork:** 'Tropical flowers' inspired by performances from Pantonic Steel Orchestra and Gahu Dramatic Arts  
**School or elders' group:** Limetree Court

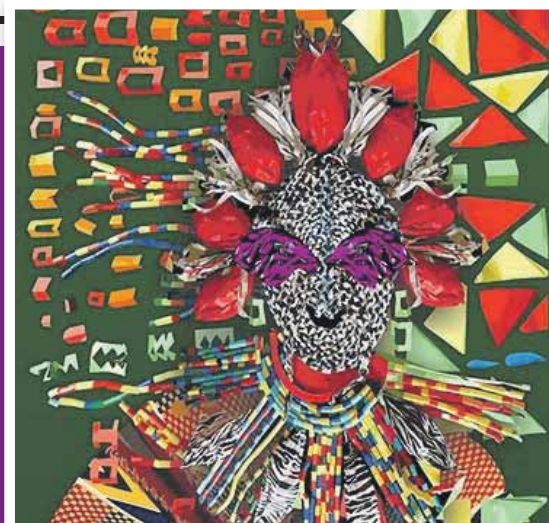


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**Artwork:** 'Bats' and 'Fancy Sailors' artworks depicting historical carnival themes, inspired by a workshop by Jamboulay Carnival Arts  
**School or elders' group:** Betty Layward Primary School



**Artwork:** African jewellery artwork inspired by a jewellery making workshop by Blema Dancers  
**School or elders' group:** Millfields School



**Artwork:** Shapes on black background inspired by a samba and dance workshop with Taru Arts  
**School or elders' group:** Morningside School



**Artwork:** Steel pan artwork inspired by steel pan workshop by Pan Vibrations. The shapes and colours at the bottom of the artwork are a visualisation of the sound of the steel pans  
**School or elders' group:** Springfield School

**Artwork, below:** Dancing figures, inspired by a dance workshop with Dimensions Entertainment  
**School or elders' group:** Colvestone School

**Artwork, right:** Yemanjá artwork, featuring the Brazilian Yemanjá Orisha (or god), inspired by a workshop with Paracarnival who work with people of all abilities  
**School or elders' group:** Randal Cremer school





**H**ACKNEY is celebrating this year's Black History Season with a series of events which are set to continue until December.

The programme begins with the flying of Hackney's Black History Season flag outside Hackney Town Hall. The flag, the winning entry in a Council competition, was designed by Hackney student Malaika Parillon Langlais Baron in 2018.

Other highlights of the programme include the unveiling of Veronica Ryan's sculptures to honour the Windrush generation; a street photography exhibition; a tribute to local musical pioneer Ruddy Ranks; BRAFA Square's livestream event and the opening of Hackney Museum's latest exhibition, 'Being African in Hackney'.

Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, said: "Black History Season is an opportunity to honour the legacy of black history and the positive and vital contributions black people bring to Hackney."

"As the first Council in the UK to pass a comprehensive motion about the Windrush scandal, it is also a chance to highlight our work to support the Windrush generation and recognise their valuable contribution to our community."

"While this is an occasion to make visible the history of those who came before us, we invite residents to acknowledge that our Black History Season is not just about looking back, but also forward to what new legacies we can create today and in the future."

"Over the next few months, I welcome everyone across the borough to join us and learn from a history that belongs to us all."

## Future Hackney Street Exhibition

**THE season will begin with the installation of the Future Hackney community project's 'Ridley Road Stories, Part 2'.**

Future Hackney documents social change in East London, rendering communities visible and preserving those images and narratives as heritage.

Centred on Ridley Road and Gillett Square in Dalston, the exhibition documents the lives of Caribbean and African people in Hackney. Showing on the Hackney Central Bridge, Mare Street, E8 1HY.

**Info:** [futurehackney.com](http://futurehackney.com)

## Unveiling of fruit and vegetable sculptures

**THE first permanent public sculptures honouring the Windrush generation in the UK are set to be unveiled at a public event at St Augustine's Tower on 2 October.**

Artist Veronica Ryan's series of large marble and bronze sculptures, representing Caribbean fruit and vegetables, were inspired by her childhood visits to Ridley Road Market.

The unveiling takes place from 10 to 11.30am, with music from Pantonic Steel Orchestra.

**Info:** [hackneywindrush.com](http://hackneywindrush.com)

## BRAFA Square livestream event

**THE opening of a new square at the entrance to Britannia Leisure Centre on 6 October will pay homage to musicians who created Hackney's answer to Band Aid in 1985.**

The square will be named BRAFA Square after the British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal (BRAFA). When Band Aid was set up in response to the Ethiopian famine in 1984, Hackney resident and lead singer of The Blackstones Leon Leiffer formed BRAFA by the site of the forthcoming square.

Their charity single 'Let's Make Africa Green Again' was released in 1985.

**Info:** [LoveHackney.com/BlackHistorySeason](http://LoveHackney.com/BlackHistorySeason)

# Black history close at hand

Take a deeper look at African and Caribbean heritage and culture in the borough for Black History Season

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## Renaming of Kit Crowley Gardens

**THE FIRST** direct action of the Review, Rename, Reclaim work will see the public gardens on Cassland Road renamed after community hero Kathleen 'Kit' Crowley in late October.

Kit Crowley Gardens will be the new name for the former Cassland Road Gardens after residents voted for the local role model from a shortlist.

The move is part of a wider review of the names of local landmarks, streets, buildings and public spaces in Hackney.

**Info:** [hackney.gov.uk/naming-review](https://hackney.gov.uk/naming-review)

## Ruddy Ranks

**HACKNEY Archives and BSix College** will be paying tribute to local musical pioneer Ruddy Ranks on 20 October.

Reggae musician Horace Burke – or Ruddy Ranks – was a former Brooke House (now BSix College) student and multi-instrumentalist who played with and a number of musical artists.

Residents are invited to remember Ruddy's contribution to the pioneering sounds coming out of Hackney during the 1980s, 90s and 00s along with Ruddy's production partner Golden Eye, vocalist Kenny Knotts, musician and producer Owen Groove, event producer Snagga Dagga and sound system aficionado Sterling. Event at 6pm at BSix College.

**Info:** [hackney.gov.uk/archives](https://hackney.gov.uk/archives)

## Being African in Hackney

**HACKNEY Museum's** latest exhibition, 'Being African in Hackney', opens on 21 September and is the first in a series to explore, understand and share the experiences of Hackney's diverse African communities over the last 60 years.

Events to coincide with the exhibition include a lecture from Hakim Adi, the first person of African heritage to become a professor of history in Britain, and workshops for local schools with British-Nigerian former young poet laureate, Teresa Lola.

**Info:** [hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/](https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/)



1. A portrait from the Future Hackney Street Exhibition, produced by Don Travis and Wayne Crichlow in association with Innercity Films; 2. Hackney's Black History Month Flag; 3. Sculptor Veronica Ryan (photo: Lisa Whiting Photography); 4. One of Veronica Ryan's sculptures; 5. Kit Crowley (courtesy of Hackney Museum, photo: Emma Davis); 6. The removed sign from former Crossland Gardens (photo: Wayne Crichlow); 7. BRAFA musicians (photo: David Corio); 8. BRAFA Square outside Britannia Leisure Centre (photo: Sean Pollock); 9. The BRAFA single 'Lets Make Africa Green Again'; 10. Ruddy Ranks; 11. A portrait from the Future Hackney Street Exhibition (photo: Don Travis)

## MORE INFO

For full listings visit:  
**LoveHackney.com/BlackHistorySeason**  
Follow on: **Facebook.com/HackneyBlackHistory** and **Instagram.com/hackney\_black\_history**



# what's on

## PREVIEW

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### Is this a Waste Land?

17-19 and 24-26 September, 5.45pm/6pm

PART interactive audio, part live performance, Charlotte Spencer's 'Is this a Waste Land?' explores ideas around the utility of space, waste, home, belonging and community. And following a year of separation and isolation, ways of being together again. Audience members follow a soundscape of instructions through headphones, acting with others to create a unique and shared experience. Age: 12+. £20. Bridgewater at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E15. Info: [sadlerswells.com](http://sadlerswells.com)



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## EVENTS

### SUTTON HOUSE GUIDED TOURS

Wed, Fri and Sun

Take a guided tour of the 500-year-old Sutton House, in the heart of central Hackney, and find out about its Tudor, Georgian, Victorian and 20th-century spaces. Learn about its ghostly inhabitants, the oldest ensuite lavatory in Hackney and Henry VIII's (almost) right-hand man, Sir Ralph Sadler. £8. Booking essential. 2 & 4 Homerton High Street, E9 6JQ. Info: [nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house-and-breakers-yard](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house-and-breakers-yard)



### FUN RUNNING FITNESS UNLOCKED RUN SESSIONS

Every Tues: 6.45-7.45pm; Every Weds 7.45-8.45pm

For beginners to improvers who want the motivation to run with other people in a safe, fun and friendly environment. To join the sessions, you should be



able to run a minimum of 2k (any pace). £5.50. Meet at Princess of Wales Pub, Clapton, E5 (Tues) or Hackney Town Hall steps, E8 (Wed).

Info: [groups.runtogether.co.uk/ComeRunWithMe/Runs](http://groups.runtogether.co.uk/ComeRunWithMe/Runs)

### CARIBBEAN TEA PARTY

13 September, 2-4pm

Join Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation (HCEO) online or in-person for a Caribbean tea party. Share stories, arts & craft, gardening tips, music and dance.

Free. Booking essential. HCEO, 39 Leswin Road, N16 7NX. Disabled access. Info: [info@hacknecaribbean.org.uk](mailto:info@hacknecaribbean.org.uk); or call: 020 7923 3536.

### FESTIVAL OF HOME

18/19 September, 11am-5pm

A weekend festival of talks, performances and workshops exploring home and belonging. Highlights from the programme

include a talk with social historian and writer Emma Dabiri (pictured) titled 'What White Institutions Can Do Next', and performances of drag, music and spoken word from queer pan-Asian cabaret collective The Bitten Peach. Day ticket £15; weekend ticket £25. Booking essential. Museum of the Home, 136 Kingsland Road, E2 8EA. Info: [museumofthehome.org.uk](http://museumofthehome.org.uk)

### LIPSYNC1000 – THE HEATS

15/22/29 September, 7-11pm

The UK's biggest drag queen lip-syncing contest is back. Queens entering get four minutes to show off, judged on their look, their lipsync and their overall star power. Each heat has two winners who go through to the £1,000 cash final. Free. The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Info: [theglory.co/events](http://theglory.co/events)

### WALKS OF INTEREST: DALSTON

18 September, 11am-12.30pm

Soak up Dalston's past and present. Ridley Road market and the Four Aces are part of its celebrated heritage. Today renowned Turkish and African food, a globally-known jazz club and a record store that pulls people from

all over are part of a diverse cultural scene. Walk guide: Simon Cole. Free, moderate pace. Booking essential.

Info: [hackney.gov.uk/walking](http://hackney.gov.uk/walking)

### VEGAN WEST AFRICAN SOUL FOOD

18 September, 5.30-7.30pm

Join Bettylicious to learn how to cook West African vegan soul food. Recipes include hearty groundnut, chickpea, carrot & spinach stew and jollof rice. £5/10/20. Made in Hackney, 3a Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, N16 6PA. Info: [madeinhackney.org](http://madeinhackney.org)

### FREEDOM SONG – WHEN GOSPEL CAME TO THE EMPIRE

25 September, 7pm

Listen to the amazing true story of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, who were freed slaves, on a mission to fight for the right of all African Americans

to be educated. Composer Harvey Brough and librettist Justin Butcher have tracked down their little-known story and shaped it into an inspiring oratorio for the 21st century. £10-£35. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ. Info: [hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on](http://hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on)



### FESTIVAL OF HIGHLIFE...IT'S IN THE DRUMS

7 October, 7.30pm

Abass Doodoo, Ghanaian drummer and Ginger Baker's lead percussionist, in collaboration with One-Drum Foundation, brings you a Festival of Highlife. Discover ancient African drumming rhythms infused with jazz and Afrobeat in memory of Ginger Baker. £16.50-35. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ. Info: [hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on](http://hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on)

## Promote your arts and culture activities!

Are you a Hackney-based arts and culture organisation? The Council's Culture team would like to help promote any online events and activities for free. Visit: [bit.ly/HackneyEventForm](http://bit.ly/HackneyEventForm)



Hackney is one of the most diverse places in the UK. In this regular feature, we profile the borough's great & good or just plain interesting

**W**HAT do local people want from their library service?

This is a question that Sue Comitti, Hackney's Library and Heritage Services Manager, has been asking residents recently.

Sue, who has worked in Hackney's libraries for 50 years, has experienced first-hand changes to the borough's libraries.

She says: "I started working in Hackney back in 1971 when the borough and its libraries were very different. The growth of the internet and digital content has changed what people use libraries for and we have a different and wider role now."

"But they are still hugely important for people to access books. Libraries are very much the hub of the community. We work with many charities and local societies and regularly hold sessions in the libraries to promote a healthier way of living. We've really branched out."

Libraries have been at the centre of Hackney life since 1892 – when Haggerston Library, in Kingsland Road, first opened. A year later, Shoreditch Library in Pitfield Street opened.

The idea behind this early Victorian library movement was the education and improvement of the working-classes.

Today, however, Hackney's libraries are more than just somewhere to stock books. They are somewhere where stressed parents can bring their children to enjoy free activities, a safe place for people to come and browse books in a variety of languages, and quiet areas for young people to study

for their exams and for anyone to learn how to use a computer.

The libraries are bright, open and welcoming spaces. They have books for all ages and communities, as well as free CDs, DVDs, audio books, study materials and online reference sources.

Sue and her team have been instrumental in making these changes over the years. She first started working for Hackney's libraries, as a Saturday assistant, aged 16.

Sue was planning on having a gap year, and going to university after finishing school, when the Council decided to sponsor her through college to get a professional qualification.

She says: "I love reading – I've always loved books – so

**“My manager once said, ‘if you cut her open she bleeds Hackney libraries!’”**

that drew me to working in the library.

"I also met my late husband, who became severely disabled, in a Hackney library. For 20 years my whole life was work and caring for him.

"The Council has been very good to me and I have a lot to thank it for. It helped me to qualify as a librarian, gave me many career opportunities and supported me when my husband of 40 years died.

"My manager once said: 'if you cut her open she bleeds Hackney libraries!'

"I love working in Hackney as it has such a diverse community. It is such a vibrant place to live and work and there are lots of things to do, such as visiting art galleries as well as the wonderful parks and

**‘Libraries are very much the hub of the community’**

Sue Comitti, Hackney's Library and Heritage Services Manager, is celebrating 50 years working for the borough's libraries

Hackney's library services.

Sue says: "Libraries have taken on a far bigger role in the community than they ever have. They are community hubs. You're free to walk into any library: it's an open and welcoming space."

"Now we need to think about what people want in the future. Can we offer residents more opportunities, such as learning how to search for their ancestors? Can we encourage more local groups to use our spaces? Are we providing the books people want?"

"We need to find out what we can provide to the local community. It used to be that we waited for the public to come in. Now

we try to get out there – to the public.

"What we need to find out is how we can take the library service forward for the next decade and what we need to prioritise."

"We are talking to staff, users, non-users and local businesses about how they see the future of the library service."

One part of Hackney's library service that has proved critical during the pandemic is its Community Library, which has been in operation for over 70 years. It is also thought to be the first formal home visit service in the country.

The service currently delivers to over 700 people, day centres, residential homes and nurseries across the borough – taking libraries out into the community for people otherwise unable to access a library, due to illness, disability or caring responsibilities.

Sue says: "We are not only delivering books, CDs and DVDs. Often we can help with small tasks – like changing a light bulb or replacing batteries in a television remote."

"Our staff can also pick up on customers who may be declining in health and make a referral to an appropriate agency. Sometimes we are the only people that these residents see all week."

"During the pandemic we also drew up a list of our older customers and phoned them to see if they needed any help with food or medication."

"So many other local authorities have cut the service so they don't have the personal touch. That's sad. Hackney had pledged not to do that."

## Timeline: Sue Comitti

- 1955** Born in Hackney, Mother's Hospital
- 1966:** Attends John Howard Grammar School for Girls
- 1971** Starts working for Hackney libraries, aged 16
- 1976** Gains a librarianship qualification
- 2021** Celebrates 50 years at Hackney's libraries

## MORE INFO

For more information on Hackney's library services, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/libraries](https://hackney.gov.uk/libraries); or call: **020 8356 2539**.

To have your say on the future of Hackney's libraries, visit: [ourlibrarieshackney.commonplace.is/](https://ourlibrarieshackney.commonplace.is/)

To request assistance, an accessible version of the survey, or one in a different language, call: **020 8356 6199**.



**L**OCAL heroes who have provided healthy food parcels, mental wellbeing support, fun activities for young people and life-saving care on the frontline of the coronavirus crisis have been honoured with awards for their tireless work.

Over 200 nominations were sent in for the sixth Mayor's Civic Awards, which focused on celebrating the incredible community response to the pandemic. Three individuals and three organisations received the well-deserved recognition.

Children's football club coach Alfred Mugabo; chef and founder of community food initiative Poot It In Yer Bag, Elaine Chalmers; and Michelle Dornelly, who founded local charity Children with Voices, and ran multiple food hubs throughout lockdown, were all honoured in the award's individual category.

The winners of the organisation category were Bangla Housing Association, which provided vital public health information to Hackney's Bangladeshi community during the pandemic; E5 Baby Bank, an organisation set up to provide parents in need with clothes, nappies, toys and other essentials; and Round Chapel Old Rooms, which gave food and mental wellbeing support to vulnerable and isolated residents.

Winners accepted their awards via video link, but the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, and Speaker Michael Desmond are set to invite them to Hackney Town Hall to congratulate them in-person.

Homerton Hospital and Volunteer Centre Hackney, which have gone above and beyond throughout the pandemic and over the years to support local people, were also honoured at the meeting with Freedom of the Borough awards –



Lauren Tobias, Chief Executive of Volunteer Centre Hackney, receives a Freedom of the Borough award on behalf of the charity

# Thank you to our unsung heroes

## This year's Mayor of Hackney's Civic Awards celebrates the community response to the pandemic

**“Volunteers are like the silent army who often go unseen. So this is a thank you to all volunteers who came together”**

which is the highest honour that a Council can bestow.

Freedom of the Borough awards are given to people and organisations who have provided outstanding services to the borough.

This is certainly true of both Homerton Hospital and Volunteer Centre Hackney; their tireless efforts during the pandemic has saved lives, ensured that vulnerable people have had access to the support that they need, and helped to keep Hackney safe.

Responding to Homerton Hospital's award, Tracey Fletcher, Chief Executive of Homerton Hospital, said: “It's very humbling to hear all of the points that were said about the organisation. There are people who have been going into patients’

homes and residents’ homes and looking after incredibly sick people with strong infections before we had the vaccination, and putting themselves and their families at risk. I really wish that all the people in the organisation could have

heard what was said today.

“Many people have worked in the Homerton to get it into the position that it's in now. The sort of position that's allowed us to do what we've done over the past year and a half doesn't come around overnight, it comes around after years of work.”

Lauren Tobias, Chief Executive of Volunteer Centre Hackney, said: “It's an incredible honour to receive this award, considering all

the wonderful charities across Hackney that do such great work. It's a privilege to work in such an amazing borough with partners like Hackney Council, the clinical commissioning group and voluntary sector, which all recognise the importance of volunteering.

“Volunteers are like the silent army who often go unseen. So this is a thank you to all volunteers who came together not just last year, but long before and after, to do what they can to help make people's lives the best they can be.”

Mayor Glanville added: “I would like to give a huge congratulations and thanks to the winners and nominees of the Mayor's Civic Awards, and to Homerton Hospital and Volunteer Centre Hackney, whose tireless efforts have saved lives and kept people safe throughout the pandemic.

“These awards and the honorary Freedom of the Borough announcement help us say thank you to residents and organisations that embody Hackney's inclusive, welcoming and selfless spirit.

“There are so many people, organisations and charities in Hackney that quietly transform lives all year round – and these unsung heroes have always made an incredible contribution to our communities.

“But this year, more than ever, Hackney's unsung heroes have gone above and beyond to provide support to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

“Despite facing challenges themselves as a result of the pandemic, their first thought has been about how they can help others – and I was honoured to join some of these incredible and inspirational people to thank them for their selfless work.”



**Michelle Dornelly**  
CEO, Children with Voices,  
Victoria Park Community  
Centre, E9 7HR

**MICHELLE** has helped and supported Hackney's communities for years through her charity Children with Voices, which she set up over 30 years ago in response to seeing the devastating effects that criminal exploitation and food poverty can have on young people.



“Children With Voices is a grassroots charity supporting children (including with SEN), young people and low income families, fighting holiday hunger and food waste. Our belief is that no child should go without food, clothing or the means to play.

Covid-19, and the incredible response from our community, meant we could expand this work. We set up accessible food hubs across Hackney, feeding more families, and supporting the homeless, elderly and shielding, all without a permanent building.

Our volunteers put their safety on the line to be there for others. Strangers who have become family, dedicated to their community no matter their own personal fears or struggles, with compassion, love and big smiles. They are Hackney at its very best and this nomination is for all of them.

Visit: [childrenwithvoices.wixsite.com/london](https://childrenwithvoices.wixsite.com/london)



**Elaine Chambers**

Owner of Poot It In Yer Bag community group

**CHEF Elaine Chalmers** turned her passion for cooking and her love for Hackney into setting up community food initiative Poot It In Yer Bag during the pandemic. She has worked tirelessly to prepare and deliver healthy and tasty cooked meals and generous food parcels to people in need through Poot It In Yer Bag, which is run in partnership with Children with Voices.

“I cannot believe I have won this award! I'm so touched, I couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, people's generosity, local restaurants and bars – especially Fruve London, and The Spurstowe pub – for letting us use their spaces throughout lockdown, so thank you. It doesn't take much to be kind.”

Visit: [instagram.com/pootitinyerbag](https://instagram.com/pootitinyerbag)

## Individual winners



**Alfred Mugabo**

Head coach, Impact Football Academy, Haggerston Park Astro, Yorkton Street, E2 8NH

**ALFRED** has gone above and beyond to support hundreds of young players throughout lockdown, ensuring that they had positive and enjoyable experiences during an incredibly difficult time. Since March 2020, he has worked tirelessly to organise and hold several online events per week, including training, meditation,

quizzes, competitions and inspirational talks from famous footballers.

“The best way of taking care of tomorrow, is taking care of the youth today. And that's something me and my team strive for every minute we are on this earth. Me and my team love the work we do, putting smiles on young people's faces through sport. At Impact we aren't a team, we are a family.”

Visit: [impactfootballacademy.co.uk](https://impactfootballacademy.co.uk)



**E5 Baby Bank**

Clapton Seventh Day Adventist Church,  
26 Chelmer Road, E9 6AY

**THE E5 Baby Bank** was set up in June 2020 to provide struggling families with clean clothes, toys, nappies and other essential items. So far, they have supported over 500 families from Hackney and surrounding boroughs, including domestic abuse survivors, migrant families, homeless women and children, families on debt management, unemployed and furloughed families, women from prisons and people with alcohol and other substance abuse issues. An anonymous E5 Baby Bank user said:

“They are a really lovely group of people, and they're always contacting me to make sure I don't need anything else for my baby and that I have food in my cupboard. They really deserve this award because they help so many people that are struggling, and they do everything from the kindness of their hearts.”

Visit: [e5babybank.org](https://e5babybank.org)



**Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project**

100 Morning Lane, E9 6LH

**BANGLA Covid-19 Advice Project (BCAP)**, funded by the National Lottery, was set up by Bangla Housing Association in response to the disproportionate impact that Covid-19 has had on the local Bangladeshi communities. The BCAP team worked tirelessly during the pandemic to get the public health message out to 10,000 households and 40,000 Bangladeshi residents. Bangla Housing Association's Chief Executive, Bashir Uddin, said:

“I am sure everyone at Bangla Housing, and all those associated with the BCAP project, including our dedicated workers and volunteers, will be inspired by this recognition of our work. I would like to dedicate this award to the Bangladeshi and other communities for all the hardship they have endured during the pandemic.”

Visit: [banglaha.org.uk](https://banglaha.org.uk)

## Community winners



**The Round Chapel Old School Rooms**

Clapton Park United Reformed Church, E5 0PU

**THROUGHOUT** the pandemic the Round Chapel Old School Rooms (RCOSR) worked tirelessly with volunteers and local food banks to deliver food parcels to 250 residents in need and coordinated a network of trained volunteers, who provided practical and emotional support to over 40 families.

They also supported isolated and vulnerable residents with their mental wellbeing at this difficult time. Joe Walker, from RCOSR, said:

“We're delighted to accept this award in recognition of work we've done over the last 18 months and continue to do. None of this would have been possible without the collective response, commitment and dedication of all of our staff, volunteers and trustees and partners across the borough, who throughout the pandemic have enabled us to support people across our neighbourhood.”

Visit: [theroundchapel.org.uk](https://theroundchapel.org.uk)



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# Hounds of love

Fifty-seven new dog portraits have been added to the Hounds of Hackney Downs mosaic and a party was thrown for the dogs and owners

**THE Hackney Mosaic Project held a party last month to welcome 57 new dog portraits to the Hounds of Hackney Downs mosaic and to celebrate its**

**10-year anniversary.** The Hackney Mosaic Project was set up by mosaicist Tessa Hunkin to help people in recovery from addiction and mental health problems by

engaging them in therapeutic and creative work that also enhanced public spaces for the enjoyment of all. Over the past decade intricate mosaics have

popped up across the borough, brightening up formerly dull spaces. For more information on the project, visit: [hackney-mosaic.co.uk](http://hackney-mosaic.co.uk)

**A** NEW pop-up cycling hub is set to come to Hackney to help tackle inequality in the sport.

The cycling academy is a grassroots initiative, which aims to improve the gender balance, increase involvement from diverse ethnic communities and encourage greater engagement with young people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

Over six months, the Hackney hub will work closely with community groups and organisations to establish fun, entry-level skills activity sessions led by those local to the area.

These sessions will take place in parks, with the intention of increasing visibility of cycling in the area. The first of these sessions, initially aimed at children aged 10-14 years, is set to be in place in the autumn.

The governing body of cycling, British Cycling,



## On your bike!



**“For the true potential of pedal power to be realised, it must be accessible to all”**

has partnered with cycling sportswear brand Rapha to set up the hubs.

Simon Mottram, CEO of the Rapha Foundation, said: “We firmly believe that

cycling has the power to change lives and help make the world a better place.

But for the true potential of pedal power to be realised, it must be accessible to all.”



## News in brief

### Volunteer Centre Hackney seeks befriender recruits

VOLUNTEER Centre Hackney (VCH) is seeking new recruits to become telephone befrienders.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, VCH trained over 200 local people to provide friendship and support over the phone to other people who found themselves isolated or alone. VCH is now seeking new volunteers to keep pace with referrals and help get people out of the house.

As a community supporter, volunteers will still begin by calling their resident over the phone, but this may develop into a face-to-face relationship, where they will spend a couple of hours a week going for a short walk or having a coffee.

VCH is particularly interested to hear from speakers of Turkish, Punjabi, Bengali, and Portuguese.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer as a community supporter, email: [tabinda@vchackney.org](mailto:tabinda@vchackney.org)

### Celebrating Windrush elders

ATTENDEES at Uprising Community Club celebrated the contributions of the Hackney's Windrush generation who recently died, some to Covid-19, with a memorial event and permanent plaque unveiling last month.

Displayed at the entrance of Uprising Community Club, in Hackney Downs, the plaque honours those who founded the community club, which started in 2015.

Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, spoke at the event. She said:

“Members of the Windrush generation made significant contributions to our political, journalistic and literary landscape. “I don't know everyone who is sat here before me today, but you have made marks in your own field of study and in your own professions. This is the contribution we made and the one we continue to make.”

The memorial event was funded by the Council's Windrush Microgrant Scheme.



Photo: Wayne Crichtlow

### Aged 66+? Check if you're eligible for Pension Credit

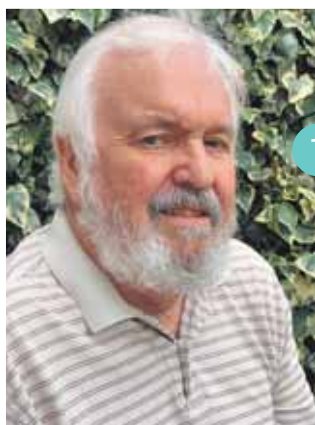
MANY residents over the age of 66, who claim Housing Benefit, could be entitled to Pension Credit – which is the equivalent of £140 a month.

Pension Credit is money provided by the Government to ensure everyone of state pension age and on a low income receives a basic level of income. Residents over the age of 66 who are carers, severely disabled, or responsible for a child or young person may also be eligible to apply.

Estimates suggest that there are between 120,000 and 130,000 older Londoners who are entitled to Pension Credit who are not claiming it.

For more information, or to check to see if you are entitled to Pension Credit, visit: [gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility](http://gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility)





By John Walker

**T**HE population of what is now Hackney quadrupled between 1850 and 1890, to about 230,000. Many of the newcomers were drawn to the area from the countryside – where they faced unemployment – or were fleeing famine in Ireland.

Most of them were poor and had little work on arrival. Desperation drove large numbers to the workhouse, which offered very basic shelter and food, in return for harsh living conditions.

As workhouse numbers increased the guardians who ran them looked to find more suitable accommodation for the young, away from the stigma of what they felt was the fecklessness of its inmates.

Special residential schools were built for workhouse children, often in the country, some distance from the workhouse itself.

Most of Hackney's children from the 1850s were sent to the Forest Gate District school, E7.

Many of the original buildings can still be seen a few metres from the railway track, which runs between Forest Gate and Maryland.

Although called a school, it was in reality a children's workhouse. They were sent from the age of two, usually separated from their siblings, and would have been lucky to receive a visit from their parents for a couple of hours, four times a year.

Up to 900 children lived there at any one time. They had their heads shaved on entry, wore soulless uniforms and were expected

# Out of sight, out of mind

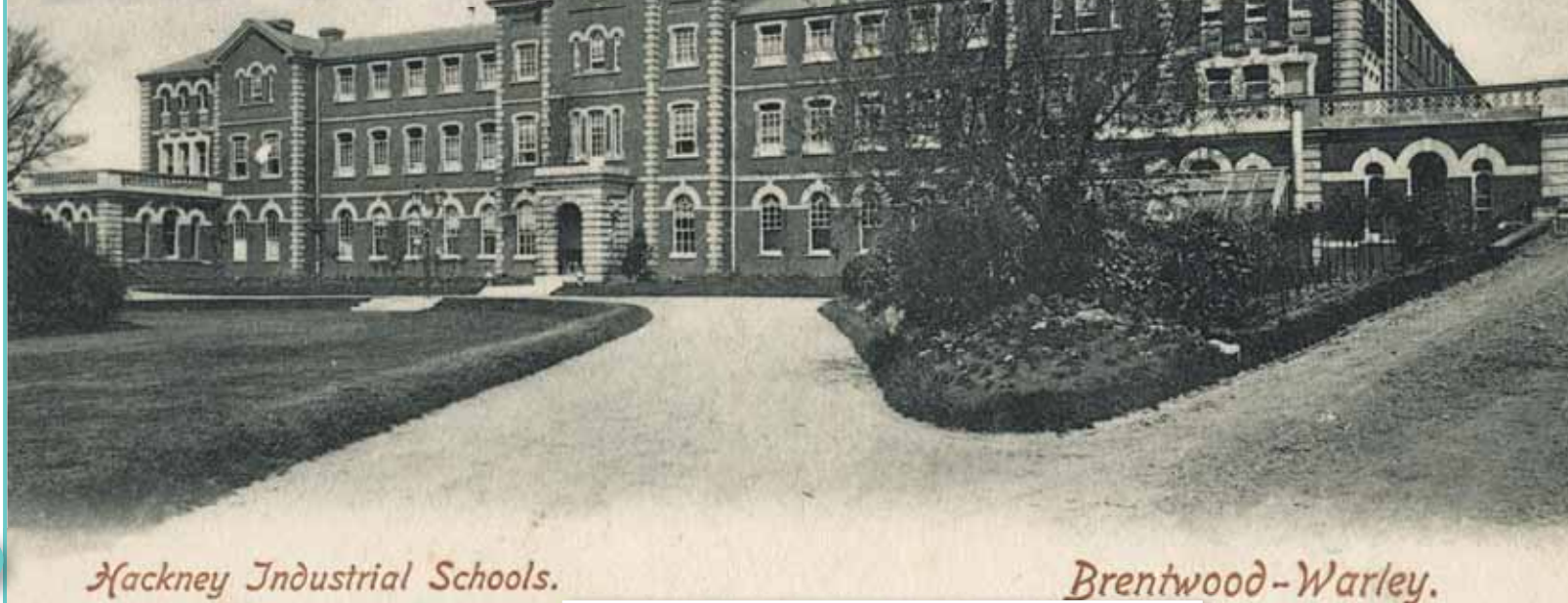
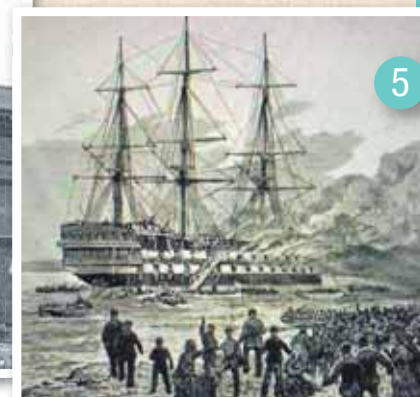


Photo: Peter Higginbotham



to conduct themselves in silence throughout the day. Conditions were harsh and brutal, diets basic and standards of health and hygiene poor.

Although called an 'industrial school', the average age of the inmates was only 10 years old – with most being released into the world at the age of 14.

The 'industrial training' they received was deemed unsuitable for their life after school, as it was mainly free labour. This included performing basic tasks – such as cleaning, clothes mending and repair work, which was designed to keep the school running as cheaply as possible.

In the 1870s the establishment ran a successful offshoot on an ex-navy training ship, The

Goliath, in Grays, Essex. Many Hackney boys were sent there, but the ship perished in a fire in 1875, with a number of Hackney boys among the 22 fatalities.

Soon after, mainly for financial reasons, the Hackney guardians decided to move their children to cheaper accommodation, in a facility run by Shoreditch guardians, in Brentwood.

This was better suited to meet the needs of the children, as it only accommodated 500 youngsters and was built within 31 acres of farmland.

This institution, however, experienced a major scandal in the 1890s, caused by the horrific ill-treatment of children by one of its nurses, Ella Gillespie.

In 1894 Ella was accused

**Conditions were harsh and brutal, diets basic and standards of health and hygiene poor**

of systematic cruelty to the children in her charge. This included waking children from their sleep to walk around the dormitory with a basket on their heads containing their clothes, forcing them to kneel on hot water pipes and beating them with stinging nettles.

Children were also deprived of drinking

water and resorted to drinking toilet water.

As a consequence, Hackney rapidly became an early promoter of 'boarding out' (an early form of fostering) as a means of caring for its pauper young

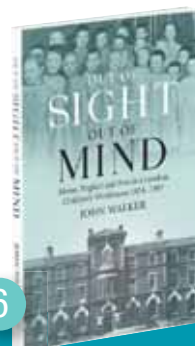
1. Author John Walker; 2. Hackney school in Brentwood; 3. Girls attending Forest Gate District school; 4. Exterior of Forest Gate District school; 5. The Goliath, in flames, December 1875; 6. John's book, 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind – Abuse, Neglect and Fire in a London Children's Workhouse, 1854-1907'

– up to 800 at any one time. This was far more family-like and suitable in meeting the needs of the children.

## MORE INFO

Further details of the plight of Hackney's pauper young, and those of other east London areas, can be found in John's book 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind – Abuse, Neglect and Fire in a London Children's Workhouse, 1854-1907'. It is available from most good bookshops, priced £12.99.

Visit John's local history blog: [E7-NowAndThen.org](http://E7-NowAndThen.org)







# younghackney

**T**HE Council has been celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Young Hackney specialist youth service with a programme of summer activities. Here's a round up of what's taken place so far:

## National Playday

OVER 100 children and young people joined the fun for National Playday at Shoreditch Adventure Playground on 4 August.

Activities on offer included a DJ workshop, where the mini music mixers showed off their newly acquired skills in a disco tent.

As well as the adventure playground itself, there were inflatable games, a dress-up and photo booth and balloon modelling.

Visitors were also treated to lunch provided by the Shoreditch Trust.

## Summer Picnic

YOUNG Hackney's annual summer picnic took place at Hackney Downs Park on 14 August.

The picnic offers families the opportunity to spend quality time together and meet other families from their community.

Over 40 families, including young carers and their parents, attended and took part in activities on offer including sports run by the Young Hackney Sports Unit, face painting by Angela from Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground, and a tug-of-war competition.

## Summer Showcase

THE Edge Youth Hub hosted its summer showcase and awards ceremony on 20 August.

Around 180 young people who access Young Hackney's services attended the event, shared a barbecue and took part in activities including cycle-powered juicing and roller racing.



Young Hackney's anniversary activities are in full swing

# Helping hands



Photos: Gary Manhine



## MORE INFO

There will be more events held in autumn and winter. For the latest information, visit: [younghackney.org](http://younghackney.org)

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor joined children and young people at the three events this summer to celebrate 10 years of Young Hackney



Hackney's executive **Mayor Philip Glanville** was directly elected by the borough in 2018. He is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. The Mayor holds monthly casework surgeries in the Town Hall. To book an appointment, email: [mayor@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@hackney.gov.uk); or call: **020 8356 2212**. Residents are first encouraged to contact their ward councillor. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney. The current Speaker is Cllr Michael Desmond.

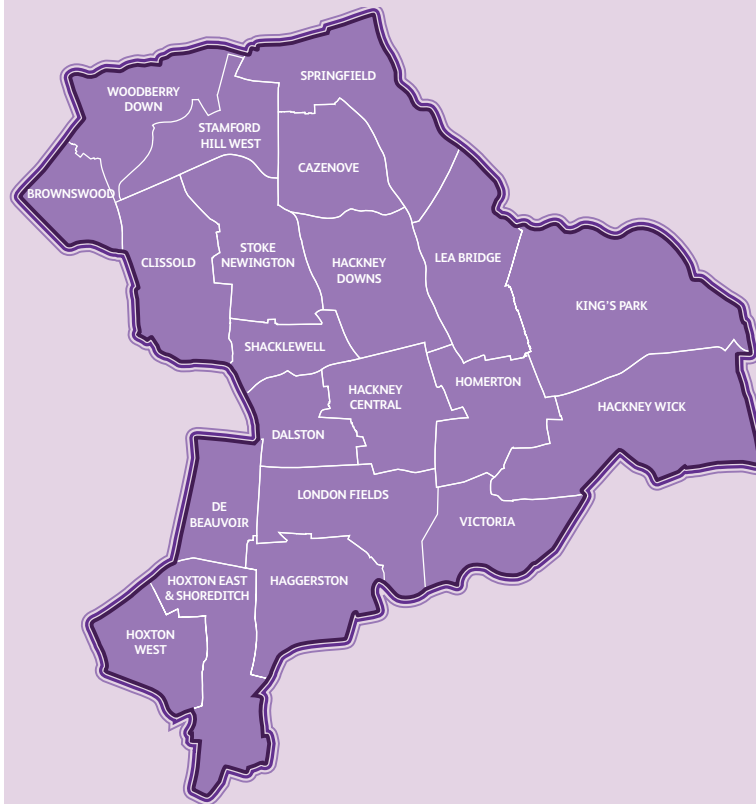


**MAYOR PHILIP GLANVILLE**

## UPDATE ON SURGERIES

Many physical surgeries have been replaced by virtual surgeries due to coronavirus. For more information, email your local councillor using the format **'firstname.lastname@hackney.gov.uk'** or call **0208 356 3373** to arrange a phone or video call.

## Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



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|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. BROWNWOOD       | 9. HAGGERSTON                | 16. SHACKLEWELL        |
| 2. CAZENOVE        | 10. HOMERTON                 | 17. SPRINGFIELD        |
| 3. CLISSOLD        | 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH | 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST |
| 4. DALSTON         | 12. HOXTON WEST              | 19. STOKE NEWINGTON    |
| 5. DE BEAUVOIR     | 13. KING'S PARK              | 20. VICTORIA           |
| 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL | 14. LEA BRIDGE               | 21. WOODBERRY DOWN     |
| 7. HACKNEY DOWNS   | 15. LONDON FIELDS            |                        |
| 8. HACKNEY WICK    |                              |                        |

**Councillors** are elected by residents and serve for four years. The last borough-wide elections took place in May 2018. Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee Council services. Residents can contact their local representative and ask them to take up issues of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map left.

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## A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust

[www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk)



SHOREDITCH Trust's Food For Life Programme works with members of the community to encourage affordable healthy eating, cooking skills and food knowledge.

This brownie makes a fantastic treat. Adding beetroot increases the fibre content and provides a source of folic acid and antioxidants. The beetroot will also keep the brownie nice and moist, making a tasty treat with a surprising healthy twist.

## Beetroot brownies

Cut into 12-16 pieces

Cooking time  
20-25 mins

Cooling time  
10 mins



## Ingredients

- 75g cocoa powder
- 180g plain wholemeal flour
- 2tsp baking powder
- 250g cooked beetroot
- 250g of dates (stones removed)
- 3 eggs
- 100g soft/melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract.

- Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, add the beetroot mixture and mix it all together. Pour into the lined baking tin;
- Bake in the oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean;
- After removing from the oven, leave it for 10 minutes before taking it out of the tin. Cut into 12-16 pieces.



## Method

- Put the oven on to 180°C/Gas mark 4. Line a shallow baking tray with greaseproof paper;
- Put the cocoa powder, flour and baking powder into a bowl;
- In a separate bowl use a food processor or hand blender to blend together the beetroot, eggs, dates, vanilla extract and soft/melted butter until it is smooth;

## More info

For more information, or to book, call: 020 7033 8529;  
e-mail: [food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk); or visit:  
[www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life)

**Shoreditch Trust**

## Have your say on the future of parking in the borough

THE Council is now consulting on its draft Parking and Enforcement Plan (PEP) 2021-26, which is aimed at reducing emissions and improving air quality by creating more sustainable streets.

The PEP is the Council's primary parking policy and strategy document, governing parking-related decisions. It is broken down into a number of sections that relate to the Council's key policy areas. These are:

- Sustainable transport;
- Customer service;

- Parking zones;
- Permit and vouchers;
- Parking provision;
- Enforcement;
- Crime, fraud & misuse;
- Consultations;
- Equality and diversity.

There is a strong focus on issues relating to sustainability in the PEP.

Parking policy affects everyone in the borough, not just parking permit holders. Residents, businesses, workers and visitors should participate.

Have your say by 15 November. Visit:

[consultation.hackney.gov.uk](http://consultation.hackney.gov.uk) and search for 'PEP 2021-26'.

To join an online engagement session, or to submit a question, visit: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk](http://consultation.hackney.gov.uk) and search for 'PEP engagement'.

- Live online drop-in session: 30 Sept, 2-3pm;
- Live online drop-in session: 18 Oct 12-1pm;
- Estate residents only: Q&A session: 29 Oct;
- Estate residents only: Live online drop-in session: 4 Nov, 5-6pm.



## Meetings

### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

13	Cabinet	6pm
13	Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7pm
14	Licensing Sub Committee	2pm
14	Hackney Procurement Board	2pm
14	Corporate Committee	6.30pm
23	Licensing Sub Committee	7pm
30	Licensing Sub Committee	2pm
30	Pensions Committee	6.30pm

### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

4	Cabinet Procurement Committee	5pm
4	Scrutiny Panel	7pm
5	Licensing Sub Committee	2pm

6	Planning Sub Committee	6.30pm
6	Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission	7pm
7	Council Joint Committee	9am
7	Licensing Sub Committee	7pm
11	Pensions Board	10am
11	Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7pm
12	Hackney Procurement Board	2pm
12	Licensing Sub Committee	7pm
13	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	4.30pm
13	Audit Committee	6.30pm
13	Corporate Parenting Board	6.30pm
14	London Borough of Hackney Integrated Commissioning Board and Local Outbreak Board	7pm
14	Licensing Sub Committee	2pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: [hackney.gov.uk/council-business](http://hackney.gov.uk/council-business)

## Sudoku

For solutions see:  
[www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday)

### Easy

5					8	7	3	
		3		5				
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	7				5		9	2
2		9	3	4	7	5		1
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1			2					
				9		8		
	5	7	8					3

### Medium

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